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JB's fixtures and fittings to be auctioned



owner Sam Jukes and joint founder Sid Weston by the mixing desk and

Landmark former rock club JB's will be stripped of its memorabilia and auctioned off as administrators admit defeat in the battle to sell it on.

The live music venue and nightclub in Castle Hill, Dudley, will go under the hammer as an empty building in September as buyers willing to take it on have failed to materialise. And as of next week, Birmingham-based auctioneers MGR Appraisals Ltd will start selling off music equipment and items that have adorned the walls of the club over the decades as it hosted legends of the music industry including Led Zeppelin, UZ, Manic Street Preachers and Blur.

The club went into administration in September and closed in January with debts of £450,000.

Apotential buyer pulled out at the 11th hour the boarded bust some

Apotential buyer pulled out at the 11th hour at the end of last year. Administrator John Travers said even knocking £25,000 off the original asking price

of £350,000 had not helped to bring another buyer forward. "Following extensive marketing efforts that have produced a great deal of interest, acceptable offers have not been received since the one which failed to proceed at the beginning of this year," he said.

"It is very sad but unfortunately there is not much left for us to do."

The property — minus extras — will be auctioned off by Bigwood Auctioneers in Birmingham city centre on September 22.

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"It is now extremely unlikely that the premises will be sold as a venue on the same lines that JB's operated, and I therefore decided to arrange a separate sale of the equipment and memorabilia," Mr Travers added. "I would quite like to have all the equipment sold by the time the property is auctioned off."

Anyone interested in keeping a piece of JB's history can visit www.mgrappraisals.com.



Even the bar tills will be up for grabs at the JB's auction

Toy library appeals for urgent help

A charity which provides toys for children in Dudley has launched an urgent appeal for volunteers after vital funding totalling more than £20,000

teers after vital running totaling more than \$20,000 grant was axed.

The Phoenix Toy Library received a £23,000 grant covering the cost of a play advisor to work 15 hours a week but this has now been withdrawn by Dudley Council. The authority said it had been forced to scrap the funding due to budget cuts. The charity, which has a small team of volunteers, provides specialist toys for children and teenagers with special needs.

needs.
It also helps disadvantaged youngsters.
The cash helped the organisation take its van of toys to visit around 42 families every month as well as run sessions at Pens Meadow School in Brierley Hill and the Phoenix Centre in Stourbridge.
It has a small team of volunteers, provides specialist toys for children and teenagers with special needs as well as disadvantaged youngsters.

Donations

Chairman Barbara French said the charity, which relies on donations, had been forced to scale back its rounds because there were not enough people to help out with wide.

out with visits.

Mrs French said: "It is a great pity that the most disadvantage people are the ones being hit by these cuts. We've got families desperate for the specialist "We desperately need new volunteers to help us to

continue to provide the service at the same level we had been doing until now. It would be wonderful to hear from anyone who could give a few hours a

hear from anyone who could give a tew nours a month."

Councillor Liz Walker, cabinet member for children's services, said budget pressures were to blame. "In 2010/11 the council had provided £23,000 in funding," she said. "In order to protect essential services in the children's services directorate and make the necessary savings in the budget for 2011/12, the council took the decision to withdraw funding from the Phoenix toy library this year. "The council continues to fund children's library facilities in all borough libraries and supports the school library service."

To help email phoenixtoylibrary@hotmail.com

Former partner appears in court over stabbing ACCUSE



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The former partner of a young mother has appeared in court charged with her murder.

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Mother-of-one Kerry Smith died
from stab wounds after collapsing in
Blackheath High Street. David
Richard Palmer, aged 39, appeared
before Sandwell Magistrates Court
accused of killing the 29-year-old.
He spoke only to confirm his name and
address during the brief hearing.
Palmer of Mincipul Lane Rowley Ragis

address during the brief hearing.

Palmer, of Mincing Lane, Rowley Regis, wore a black t-shirt, showing tattoos on his arms, and black trousers. He did not enter a plea and was remanded in custody to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Thursday.

His solicitor Mr Milo Turner said napplication for bail would be made.

Members of Kerry Smith's family and friends packed the public gallery at the Warley court to see Palmer.

Miss Smith was stabbed in broad daylight near to the Malt Shovel pub in High

Street at 11.40am on Sunday. She died in

Street at 11.40am on Sunday. She died in hospital.

Police cordons which had been in place since the incident outside the Malt Shovel pub were lifted earlier this week, but a cordon remained outside Palmer's address in Mincing Lane.

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Det Insp Stuart Kidd said: "This is a tragic case where a young mother has lost her life. We appeal for anyone who was in the High Street area on Sunday morning to come forward if they are able to assist our investigation

Connection

Mosque plan continues to raise concern

Loss of industrial land, increase in traffic and the need to preserve the historic landscape of Dudley town centre are among just some of the reasons cited by people objecting to a new £6million mosque.

Residents have been registering complaints with the council, asking: "How many times do the people of Dudley have to say no?" And more claim they have tried to register objections but ongoing problems with the council's planning website have meant their views have yet to be heard.

In previous years, around 75,000 signatures have been collected opposing the plans – but Councillor Malcolm Davis, who has led the charge, has been told the petitions are no longer valid as the plans have been changed.

"I will do my very best to get another petition up before the date when objections are closed, but it is a disappointing decision," he said. "As far as I am concerned it is still all part of the same plan. It just seems that they are changing the goalposts."

Worshippers

He said the plans did not include sufficient parking to accommodate the 750 worshippers the

He said the plans did not include sufficient parking to accommodate the 750 worshippers the mosque is expected to attract.

One resident of Wood Road, Lower Gornal, wrote a letter to Dudley Council saying the mosque building would not fit in with the Black Country market town. Another objector, from Swan Street, Netherton, asks: 'How many more times do the people of Dudley have to say no, we don't want another mosque?''

Council leader Les Jones said "everything possible" was being done to find a solution to the council's website problems.

The new proposals for the Hall Street site reduce the floor space for the centre from 82,193sqft to 69,050sqft, the size of the mosque's green dome has been reduced from 601t to 45ft and its gold minaret is planned to be 63ft, 2ft lower than originally put forward. Dr Khurshid Ahmed, chairman of the Dudley Muslim Association, which is behind the plans, as said the scale of the building was reduced after listening to the concerns of residents.

If approved, the complex would include leisure facilities open to non-Muslims, as well as two cafes, a sports hall, gym and nursery.

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Family focus at events

Two Midland beauty spots will be hosting a regular programme of family events for the first time with the aim of drawing in more visitors to the sights.

Sessions at Clent Hills and Kinver Edge

Sessions at Clent Hills and Kinver Edge include the chance to do Tai Chi out in the countryside as well as family adventure walks and drumming workshops.

The events programme is part of a plan to make both sites more family friendly.

Other projects include the development of family explorer backpacks for people to hire

Man, 44,

charges

admits

from the Rock Houses at Kinver Edge and working with local primary schools to design a natural play area at the Clent Hills.

Laura Broadhurst, community engagement officer for the Clent Hills and Kinver Edge, said: "It's a really exciting time for us, we've invested a lot into developing our family offer and it's fantastic to see so many families out here getting some fresh air and enjoying the countryside".

For more information contact Laura Broadhurst on 07920 181605 or laura.broadhurst @national trust.org.uk

Teenager admits theft | Tatters caught

A teenager found with 35 rolls of lead flashing has been warned he could face prison after pleading guilty to handling stolen goods.

Dean Groom, aged 18, of Cross Lane, Beacon Estate, Sedgley, was one of three men in a van stopped in the early hours of July 5 by police officers in Shaw Road, Coseley. Mrs Clare Davis, prosecuting at Dudley Magistrates Court said he had told police he and a friend found the rolls of lead flashing

lying by a road in Sedgley, and decided to take it to a scrapyard for weighing. Chairman of magistrates Mr Ian Hart told him: "We are looking at a high community sentence level. However, that is not binding on the next magistrates you will face. That means they are considering all options, including custody." In his defence, Mrs Nishi Kumar said he had fully admitted his involvement as soon as he was caught.

trying to steal metal sheets

Three men cut through a security fence to steal metal teets from a Black Country firm, only to find they could

sheets from a Black Country firm, only to find they could not lift them, a court heard.

Nicky Danks, Daniel Fox and Gareth Fox had been "engaged in the Black Country tradition of tatting" when they saw the metal in a skip at Midtherm Ltd, in Shaw Road, Dudley Dudley magistrates heard that the three had been passing the site in their van at around 9.15pm and had decided to take the metal.

The court was told Daniel Fox had used wire clippers to cut through the fonce leading to a varia and had been followed.

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The court was told Daniel Fox had used wire clippers to cut through the fence leading to a yard and had been followed in first by Danks and then by Gareth Fox. But they had quickly discovered the metal sheets, worth around £150, were too heavy to lift and were unable to load them into the van.

Police then swooped on the yard after being alerted by CCTV and the three men were arrested. They admitted to police they had planned to steal the metal.

Daniel Fox, aged 22, of Central Drive, Coseley, Gareth Fox, 28, Brunel Court, Coseley, and Danks, 20, of Sycamore Road, Tipton, pleaded guilty to attempted theft.

They were all given a two-year conditional discharge and each ordered to pay £5 compensation to the company for damaging the fence. They also have to pay £85 costs. Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said: "All three were engaged in the Black Country tradition of tatting, However, in this case the metal still belonged to somebody.

"They were unable to make off with the metal because it was too heavy and were still at the site when the police attended."

Mr Jason Georgiou, defending, said: "Taking the metal

"They were unable to make off with the metal because it was too heavy and were still at the site when the police attended."

Mr Jason Georgiou, defending, said: "Taking the metal was a decision all three agreed on. When the police arrived they were fully co-operative."

Metal thefts continue to plague the Black Country with police recently revealing around 300 train covers had been taken in little more than a year.

Sandwell and Dudley were revealed to be hotspots for the crime putting both pedestrians and vehicles at greater risk of an accident. Metal castings have also been stolen from the Vanguard Factory, in Lye, and an ornamental rifle was taken from a war memorial in Smethwick in recent attacks. This week the council's housing office in Cannock was forced to close temporarily after 40 metres of copper cable was stolen following a raid by metal thieves.

Claims have also been made the sale of Willenhall Leisure Centre is being put at risk by thieves plundering the building for metal.

The site has been raided between four and six times since the centre closed last August. Items such as radiators and pipework have been taken.

Teenager in court over schoolgirl attack

A teenager from Sedgley has appeared in court cha with the attempted murder of Stourbridge schoolgirl (

West. Samuel Gayzer-Tomlinson, aged 18, of Turls Hill Road, appeared Wolverhampton Crown Court last week where he had been expected to enter a plea to the charge and other offences he faced including wounding and possession of an offensive weapon.

Chloe was badly injured and had to undergo surgery on

Chloe was badly injured and had to undergo surgery on the afternoon following the attack.
The 14-year-old was attacked near the gates of Ridgewood High School in Wollaston on April 1.
Teenagers at the school watched in horror as the drama unfolded in Park Road West.
She was taken by the West Midlands Air Ambulance to Birmingham Children's Hospital with serious injuries. Gayzer-Tomlinson was remanded in custody until a later date by Judge John Warner.

Record funds from golfers

Golfers in the Black Country have raised a record £6,350 for charity. The Halesowen Golf Club Captain's Charity Weekend generated the cash for Birmingham Children's Hospital and Cure Leukaemia through a series of tournaments. Club captain Andy Harper said: "The Captain's' Charity weekend was a resounding success." Of the total, Cure Leukaemia will get £4,850, with the hospital being given the rest.

Dancers warned of festival event threat

Hundreds of dancers face disappointment next year after a long-running festival in the Black Country announced its dance section is

Black Country announced its dance section is at risk of being scrapped.

Organisers of the annual Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance are desperately seeking a new secretary to run the dance events after the position became vacant. And if a volunteer cannot be found in time there will be no option but to scrap the dance part of the festival – although the music and drama events would go ahead as normal.

But chairman Gillian Bloore said removal of the dance events would be "absolutely devastating" as more than 600 dancers from around the country regularly attended the event.

A pharmacist was caught on camera swinging a hammer at a restaurant owner who had to defend himself with a chair.

James Blount was captured on video footage lunging at Dino Kamelzarour armed with a hammer in one hand and a pair of scissors in the other.

The fracas took place outside Mr Kamelzarour's Bella Luna restaurant in Kinver, on December 11, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Blount, aged 44, of Church View Gardens, Kinver, admitted charges of affray and possessing a CS gas cannister. He was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work. Blount must also pay costs of £600.

The court was also told Blount could now face disciplinary action by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Judge Simon Tonking said Blount, who had been drinking, had made some kind of invitation to Mr Kamelzarour's partner which he and she did not like, and an argument followed.

Mr Kamelzarour wrote to the court: 'I am glad to say we are now once again the best of friends."

But the judge told Blount: 'Wour livelihood as a pharmacist is seriously under question as a result of these offeness." Bount said

event.

Heats are also held at the event where dancers can qualify for the prestigious All-England Dance Championships which would be disrupted if the events did not go ahead.

The previous secretary decided to stand down earlier this month due to personal commitments and organisers need to fill the post at the earliest opportunity.

Applications

The secretary is responsible for taking in applications for performers, arranging the timetable of events and ensuring everything runs on schedule.

Deadline

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The festival, which brings thousands of performers in
Dudley together, is held at Dudley College's Broadway
campus every March.
Organisers say they were proceeding at the moment as
though the dance section would be going ahead as normal
but they were facing a race against time to find a volunteer.
Mrs Bloore said: "It is extremely urgent we find someone

to take up this position as soon as we can.
"It is a vitally important position and if we cannot find someone willing to take over then there is a real risk of the

dance part of the festival having to be cancelled next year.

"This would be an absolutely devastating decision to make but we would have no choice."

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call her on 01384 837536.

Councillors surgeries

these offences." Blount said he had the CS gas cannister for self defence.

Councillors in Wordsley ave announced details of

have announced details of their upcoming surgeries. Ward councillors Geoff Southall, Glenis Simms and John Jones will be holding public surgeries at Words-ley Community Centre, in Wordsley Green, on the second Friday of every month from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

month from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Another will be held at Dingle Community Centre, in High Acres, Kingswin-ford, on the first Saturday of each month from 10-11am.

Salon owner stunned by job applications

A hair salon owner has been surprised by 25 job hunters from across the West Midlands – chasing just one post as a

stylist.

Julie Sargent, of Salon 2000 in The Broadway, Stourbridge, was "stunned" by the number of applicants to her recent advert. She said: "I've only had five or six applicants to adverts for previous jobs so was stunned and very pleased when I received 25 this time."

Those who applied for the post are aged between 19 and 45 and come from Birmingham and Bromsgrove, as well as the Stourbridge area. Mrs Sargent said: "There are some very good quality applicants among them." She has now interviewed all 25 applicants for the job and will make a decision in the next few days.



Putting a value on treasures

Fieldings valuer Alison Snowdon gets ready for the antiques event in Kingswinford

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Antiques, family heirlooms, toys and collectables are being dusted down for a valuation day at Broadfield House Glass Museum.
Antiques and collectables expert Mark Hannam from Fieldings Auctioneers in Stourbridge will be at the museum in Kingswinford on August 6 from 10am to 3pm. There is a £1 charge per valuation, maximum of three per person, with all proceeds going to a charity that supports the work of the museum. Organisers say the event is also an opportunity for children and young people to go along and share

dy for the antiques event in Kingswinford their collections. Cabinet member Council Lor David Stanley said: "The valuation day is a regular favourite at Broadfield House Glass Museum.
"They have particular expertise in crafts and textiles, vintage clothing, ceramics, furniture, pictures and collectables, so we're looking forward to seeing a fantastic range of items for valuation."

Broadfield House Glass Museum, in Compton Drive, is open Tuesday to Sunday, midday to 4pm and admission is free. Call 01384 812745 or log on to www. glassmuseum.org.uk for more details.

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Traders still struggling after roadworks end

Traders on the Sandwell-Dudley border say they are still struggling for business despite the completion of a long-running £12.3 million roadworks scheme.

Shop owners in Tividale Road were jubilant after the two-year project to improve the Burnt Tree island roundabout came to an end. They claimed diversions had cost them up to 40 per cent losses in sales and were hopefully anticipating a huge improvement. But one week on and busilimprovement. owners say they have not really

Licensee in court

on noise

A wine bar licensee has

The court heard the wine

bar had now closed and Begum had no plans for a similar business in the

Magistrates gave her a 12-month conditional dis-charge and ruled she did not

have to pay costs.

Begum told magistrates

noticed a difference. They say this is partly because of a delay with completely clear-ing the road and taking down no access road signs. Traders' spokesman Gaz Khan, aged 30, who runs Lifestyle Express in Tividale Road, said: "It is very disappoint. ing. Last week we were in very high spirits but now we've come crashing back down to earth. We're not saying we don't welcome the completion of the work but things have not improved as we had hoped. I believe Sandwell Council should have done more

to advertise the fact the work is now finished. Two signs – one saying No Access to Wolverhampton Road from Tividale Road and one saying Access to Frontages Only are still up – and its costing us trade. We can't take them down because they are attached to lamp posts by metal. People don't realise things are back to normal.

Andree Blackmoor, who runs sandwich shop Village Pantry in Tividale Road, echoed Mr Khan's comments. "I have not noticed any improvements. Traffic is

Andrew Harper, who runs Harper's Family Butchers in Tividale Road added: "The schools are off at the moment so we will have to give it time but we have so far noticed no improvement in trade."

Transport chief Dudley Councillor Patrick Harley, said: "During the construc-tion period traffic has found other routes around the road works and it is antici-

Boat festival is hoping for best turnout

Along-running, annual boat festival in Dudley is prepar-

Along-running, annual boat festival in Dudley is preparing for what it hopes will be its biggest event yet with more
than 12,000 visitors expected to attend the two days.
Details of the 26th Black Country Boating Festival were
being announced, with more than 100 historic and working
boats set to be displayed during the event on September 10
and 11. It will be held on Dudley No. 2 Canal, where it runs
through Bumble Hole Nature Reserve, Windmill Hill,
Netherton, between 10am and 5pm on both days.
Visitors will be able to get a closer look at the boats and
chat with experts about the history of each vessel on show.

Regular time slong the canal will be held on both days.

Regular trips along the anal will be held on both days with some trips also taking in the nearby Netherton Tunnel. There will also be more than 100 boat, trade and charity stalls for people to browse around alongside a funfair and competitions.

A real-ale bar will also be available on both days with 18 breweries from around the area getting involved in the event

Live music will be performed by the Halesowen Brass Band and others. Admission to the event, which is run by volunteers, is free and on-site car parking is available for visitors.

Last year around 12,000 visitors attended the festival over both days and organisers said they were hoping to beat that this year.

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People who are interested in running a stall at the event
are also asked to get in touch at the earliest opportunity as
space is now limited.

Festival director Paddy Grice said final preparations for

restival director raddy circe said mai preparations for the event were now under way.

"We hope to increase the number of visitors who attended last year getting us closer to the personal best of 18,000 we achieved a couple of years ago," he said.

"The weather was with us on that occasion and we are hoping it will be again this year. We have organised a wide colorior of critistics to keep visitors convortation?"

selection of activities to keep visitors entertained." Anyone who is interested in running a stall at the event should call 0844 800 5076.

Jump in fly-tipping as beauty spots hit

A wine bar licensee has been given a conditional discharge after failing to cut noise at the premises despite a council order.

Dudley Council issued a noise abatement order on the Jaipur Wine Bar in High Street, Quarry Bank, last September following complaints from neighbours.

But a visit by an officer two days later revealed the noise was continuing — with the volume loud enough to cause the walls of neighbouring buildings Fly-tipping across Dudley is rocketing – with beauty spots being targeted, new figures

have revealed. In the last three months, 38 people have been convicted - and that is nearly half the total number for the previous 12 months.

months.

The amount of fly-tippers had already increased by more than 50 per cent in the previous year. Five of these cases were at the Wrens Nest, Fens Pool and Saltwells nature reserves, where piles of black bags were dumped. Pubs sitting empty around the area have also been targeted.

They include the former Dry Dock bouring buildings withrate.

Licensee Forhana
Begum, aged 23, pleaded
guilty to a charge of failing
to comply with an abatement notice when she
appeared before Dudley
Magistrates Court last
week.

They include the former Dry Dock in Netherton and the Gipsies Tent Inn in Steppingstone Street, Dudley.

More than \$12,000 has been paid to Dudley Council over the last year by people who have been issued with fixed penalty notices of up to £75 for all types of offences.

There were 82 cases of fly-tipping in the 2010/11 financial year – compared to 52 in 2009/10.

Depending on the severity of the offence, either a fixed penalty notice will be issued or the culprits could be

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Rubbish is checked for household

Rubbish is checked for household bills, letters, and information indicating addresses for prosecutions.

The council says it is committed to tackling the problem but could not give a reason for the increase.

The number of notices given out for littering fell from 389 in 2009/10 to 269 in 2010/11. Extra bins could be installed in town centres to deal with the problem.

Criticised

But it has ruled out using CCTV as "recent guidelines suggested that using CCTV for minor offences such as littering was considered to be too heavy handed and councils were criticised for this type of use".

Environment chief Councillor David Stanley, said: "Figures will always fluctuate year on year in terms of how many fixed penalty notices we are able to serve.

of how many fixed penalty notices we are able to serve.
"This is dependent on a number of factors, including incidents being reported in the first place and the quality of information. We do rely on evidence like car registration plates being given in order for us to serve notices."

Canoeists in cash splash

Sqt Stuart Cheshire with Jordan Tomkins, left, and Cameron Doe

Scheme for savings from home closures

Thousands of pounds set to be saved by Dudley Council when a Halesowen care home is closed down could help fund new retirement villages elsewhere in the borough.

Shenstone Residential Care Home in Kent Street is to close in January as part of a council review of social services, which is seeing the authority focus more on helping elderly people stay independent for longer. It will see five retirement villages built across the borough known as extra care developments, which will provide around 600 flats for older people.

Work has already been completed at a £16m scheme in Russells Hall, which will have 132 apartments, while an £8m project in Coseley is due to open later this year.

It has emerged that money the council saves by closing Shenstone may be used to help get some of the extra care schemes off the ground.

Community chief Councillor Lesley

Faulkner, said: "The savings that the council will make from no longer running Shenstone care home will be used to purchase placements in other care homes and could contribute towards the extra care housing devel-opments in the borough.

opments in the borough.

"At this stage it is too early to determine the future use of the building, the council is exploring options," Councillor Faulkner added.

Councillor Faulkner added.

The weekly cost per client at Shenstone is around £677 at 95 per cent occupancy and is either paid by the council, the individual or through a combination of both. This compares to the average care cost in a private care home per week, £372. Council chiefs are looking to redeploy most of the 51 members of staff at Shenstone which currently has around 31 long-stay residents. The fate of the council's two remaining homes — New Bradley Hall, Kingswinford, and Russells Court, Dudley—has yet to be decided.

Fundraisers who dressed as Fundraisers who dressed as pirates for a swash-buckling canoe trip down the River Severn raised £2,500, say organ-

Severn raised £2,500, say organisers.

The event was organised Bewdley Royal British Legion to raise money for the legion and the soldiers' charity Help for Heroes.

Among the 66 canoeists who tackled the four-mile fancy dress trip from Arley to Bewdley Rowing Club was 12-year-old Jordan Tomkins, who raised £149 in sponsorship – the most collected by a participant.

The schoploy, along with Cameron Doe, also 12, who

played the bagpipes at the event, were presented with trophies. Hilary Roberts, one of the organisers, said the event on June 22 had been a great success. She said: "It was a fantastic evening. We aimed to raise £1,000 so to raise £2,500 was amazing.

amazing.

"We are very grateful for all of the support from people in the

The event started with participants being taken to Arley by steam train on the Severn Valley Railway.

Railway.

They then canoed back to Bewdley where they attended a pirates' ball.

Warning to keep vour homes secure Residents in Stourbridge are being urged to lock their

front doors and windows after four break-ins in one week. Four homes have been targeted in the Norton area of the Front doors and windows after four break-ins in one week. Four homes have been targeted in the Norton area of the town and one raid saw burglars steal two sets of car keys before stealing the vehicles. Homes in Shenstone Avenue, Sandy Road, Osmaston Road and Fairways Avenue were all targeted by the raiders.

In each case the thieves got into the properties via the windows which on some occasions had been left open.

A lap top was stolen from one of the homes according to officers while in the other two cases the thieves were either disturbed by the occupant or ran off when a house alarm was activated.

Police say thieves use an open window or an open door as an opportunity to raid a home when their attention is diverted elsewhere.

They are encouraging people to take extra precautions around their home while the weather is sunny and they are tempted to leave doors and windows open.

Sgt Steve Gordon, from Stourbridge police station, said: "People need to be aware there are burglars who are prepared to enter people's homes through unlocked front and rear doors as well as through windows, even when they know the householders are at home."

Drive to get composting
Residents in Worcestershire, including the Wyre Forest district, are being urged to compost their garden waste and salad waste over the summer months. Worcestershire County Council has launched the scheme to cut down on waste going to landfill and to boost recycling in the region. As part of the project, the authority is offering people compost bins for £13. There is also now the option of getting a second bin for half price. Bins will be delivered to residents' homes. Worcestershire County Council's environment chief, councillor Anthony Blagg, said, it is still important for residents to balance piles of grass cuttings with items such as cardboard, newspaper and toilet rolls.

CHOICE WINDOWS-

Begum told magistrates she was unemployed and studying to become a teaching assistant. She planned to hand her license for the premises back to Dudley Council. Chairman of magistrates Mr Keith Chawro told her: "We have taken into account your guilty plea." Begum's father Intaj Ali was also charged with the offence but the case against him was withdrawn. Dinners are winners

Dinners dished up at a Black Country school have been judged the best in its borough.

Caterers at Earls High School, Halesowen have scooped the Denise Potter Award 2011 for the best all-

Award 2011 for the best all-round quality service.

The team were marked on criteria as well as feedback. The award was presented to the school's catering manager Julie Bates and her team at a ceremony at Himley Hall.

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Park will get new rangers

New park rangers have started work at Dudley's historic Priory Park as part of a long-awaited £2.6 million overhaul of the site. Work is due to start on the redevelopment of the beauty spot in the autumn after cash was awarded.

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The cash – a combination of lottery and council funding – was awarded last summer for improvements to put the attraction on the tourist trail. Bosses revealed workers have now taken up their posts ahead of the revamp. The two rangers will work with local organisations.

The Friends of Priory Park and Green and Dudley Council officers will be involved.

Senior park ranger Lydia Wilde, who is based at the park from Monday to Friday, has experience working in nature conservation and park management. Park ranger Mark Tarpey is based at the park on Saturdays and

based at the park on Saturdays and Sundays. He has worked for the Wildlife Trust and has specialist knowledge in horticulture and conser-

Investment

Investment
Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "Thanks to the hard work of The Friends of Priory Park and Green and a number of other individuals and organisations we are beginning to significant investment at Priory Park.

The transformation is set to include a redevelopment of the park's pavilion, lighting at the priory ruins, planting trees, repairing paths and new signs. There will also be improvements to drainage and resurfacing of the football pitch and bowling green.
The Friends of the Priory Park and Green and Dudley Council applied for just under £1.8m worth of funding from Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund. The remaining £800,000 of funding will come from Dudley Council with the control of funding from Dudley Council from Dudley Council from Dudley Council spice of the counci

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Town roadworks

Long-running roadworks in Dudley town centre move to The Inhedge next week. Workers are due on site on the street where the magistrates court is between August 7 and September 25. The 18-month roadwork project affects 64 roads in the town.

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Student is cut above Police plea for help

Halesowen College student Keiran Clark has proved he's a cut above the rest after reaching the finals of a National Student Barber Competi-

tion 2011.

Keiran, aged 17, was named as one of 25 finalists in the country for his haircutting skills after submitting a photo of a hair cut he had completed to the British Barbers Association.

As a finalist he received a certifi-

to attend the awards ceremony in London. The former Pedmore Technology College, from Wollescote, has just completed his City and Guilds VRQ Level Two in Barbering.

Paula Evans, hair and beauty lecturer at Halesowen College, said: "Congratulations to Keiran on his achievement. He has worked really hard over the year."

Police have urged antique dealers to help them search for a hoard of valuable paintings and items stolen from Kidderminster. Paintings, figurines and a writing

Paintings, ligarines and a writing bureau were among the items removed from the home of the victim, a man in his 60s.

It was only when a friend and relative visited him and realised the items were missing that police were

called. Around half of the pieces have now been recovered from antique dealers but some are still missing with officers working to get them back. Works are thought to be worth between £5,000 and £10,000.

Among the items still to be recovered are nine Christopher Sanders oil paintings. Anyone with information is asked to call Pc Knight at Kidderminster police on 0300 333 3000.

Croupier paid £4,700 in bogus 'winnings'

Madelin, aged 24, was working at the Castie Casino in Dudley when he paid out a total of £4,692 'winnings' to 56-year-old Gurmail Heer who regularly bet there.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told Heer of Dudley Road, Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton, was also overpaid when he had won and would be given up to £40 worth of chips when he had only cashed in £20. Madelin of Beech dend Grove, Erdington, Birmingham, was caught on CCTV.

Fire station

Mr Simon Phillips, prosecuting, said: "Most of the money was repaid onto the tables again by Heer but it was clear that Madelin had been passing him chips and giving the way not entitled to." The offences took place on four nights in May 2009.

Mr Paul Mytton, defending Madelin, said he admitted responsibility for the offence. Mr Balbir Singh, defending Heer, said: "This offence would plainly be caught on CCTV in the end. The cash was recycled at the table so the casino made

on CTV in the end. The cash was recycled at the table so the casino made no significant loss." Madelin and Heer were both given 26-week

were both given 26-week prison sentences suspended for two years. Madelin was ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work and has been disqualified from working in the gambling industry for seven years. Heer must undergo supervision by the probation service for two years and is subject to a curfew between 7pm and 7am for three months. Madelin admitted fraud and Heer aiding and abetting fraud.

Go ahead on council plan

A bid to force hundreds of council staff to take two days' annual leave between Christmas and New Year has been given the go ahead. Wyre Forest District Council bosses agreed to close some office buildings to save \$2,000 on heating and lighting on heating and lighting during that period.

Head says farewell to school



Retiring headtea es 300 balloons during her leaving ceremony, with help from pupils at Brindley Heath Junior School in Kinver

A headteacher bid a fond farewell to staff and pupils by releasing 300 balloons at a ceremony held to mark her final day in charge before retir-

Sheila Cowan, aged 56, closed the book on her near 35-year teaching career at the end of term yesterday to

career at the end of term yesterday to pursue other interests – including writing her own novel.

Miss Cowan, of Stourbridge, has been headteacher at Brindley Heath Junior School, in Kinver, for nine years and staff and pupils made sure her last day was one to remember.

Youngsters wrote fond messages of

foungsters wrote tond messages of farewell on the back on pictures of Miss Cowan which were then put up around the school for her to see. At a special assembly she was named pupil of the week" by the chil-dren and at the end of the day released 300 balloons on the school

reueasea 300 balloons on the school field to mark the occasion. Miss Cowan previously worked as deputy headteacher at Brook Primary School, in Wordsley, for nine years and at the Belle Vue School, also Wordsley, as head of PE and English.

Council blitz on cabbies

A crackdown has been launched on taxi drivers in Dudley who are illegally plying for hire.
Council chiefs have decided to double the minimum penalty private hire vehicle drivers can expect to be hit with for seeking out business. It comes after new figures show more than 90 taxi drivers have appeared before Dudley Council's taxi committee over the issue in the last three years.

years.

It is illegal for a private hire vehicles, white saloon cars, to carry passengers if the journey has not been pre-booked.

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If the journey is not pre-booked it will mean the vehicle is not insured.

Under the changes announced by borough bosses, the starting point for a first conviction has been increased from two months to a four-month suspension of licence.

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Councillor Bob James, chairman of the taxis committee, said: "This decision shows how seriously we take the offence of plying for hire which putspassengers at serious risk.

"We have extended the starting point from which a suspension of taxi licences can start for a first conviction to ensure there is an appropriate deterrent."

In addition to the suspension of taxi licence given out by Dudley taxis committee, any driver of a private hire vehicle caught taking customers without a booking could be sent to court. "On conviction they could receive fines," he added.

Discussion on shop's future

Workers at a fire-hit Dudley store

Workers at a fire-hit Dudley store have been transferred to other shops while bosses discuss the future of the heavily damaged building.
Flames tore through the Gamestation store, outside the Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, on July 9.
Officials from the chain said the future of the store had not yet been decided and all options were still being looked at.
But they confirmed staff had been transferred to other stores in the interim while a decision was made on the Dudley branch. Around seven workers were employed at the shop.
An investigation into the cause of the fire, which forced neighbouring stores and the shopping centre to be evacuated, is still ongoing.
Gamestation spokesman Neil Ashurst said: "We are currently looking at all options for the store."

Children's fun is laid on in centre

Children's activities are being laid on in Halesowen town centre during August. The events take place in Somers Square from 11am to 3pm on every Wednesday of the month. Activities vary each week and include a bouncy castle, face painting, children's rides and a circus skills workshops.

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Review Chairman of West Midlands Fire Authority, Councillor John Edwards, said: "The cuts to our government funding have been widely documented and we are now forced to review the ways in which we deliver our services. Our priority, as always, is to make West Midlands safer and to provide a first class fire and rescue service to those who live in, work or visit the area." More details on the fire station consultation will soon be released – and the move will include public meetings. People will be asked for their views on plans to have only one fire engine and what they think about fire prevention activities. Chief fire officer Vij Randeniya said: "I actively encourage residents and businesses in both Cradley Heath and Halesowen to have their say during the consultation period. "West Midlands Fire Service is one of the very best fire services in the world and we want to reassure residents and businesses in the area that they will continue to receive an excellent standard of service." YOU TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR HOME, WE BRING PRIDE INTO YOUR HOME



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The station would be served by one 24-hour fire crew as opposed to the two crews currently based at the stations. The plans were discussed two years ago but put on hold amid concerns from the public. But the service has now revived and revised them amid uncertainty over government funding cuts. Residents and businesses are now being asked for their views on the proposals, with a public consultation set to run between August 15 and September 16.

When the plans were first mooted it was suggested that two fire engines would be based at the single station. However, service bosses say that after checking call out data they think the risk level posed has changed in both areas.

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Date for mosque hearing

A High Court bid to snatch back land earmarked for a £6million mos-que in Dudley town centre will take place next year.

A five-day trial will be held at the

A five-day trial will be held at the London court between June and October 2012 to determine once and for all whether Dudley Council can buy the land from under the feet of the Dudley Muslim Association (DMA), scuppering its members' dreams of a worship and community centre.

It means even if a new planning application gets the seal of approval from council officers, the fate of the project will rest in the hands of judges when the long-running battle over the land in Hall Street comes to a head. Controversial new plans for the

land in Hall Street comes to a head. Controversial new plans for the mosque, which has been in the pipeline for six years, were submitted last week. But council bosses insist the land should be used for employment use and have vowed to continue battling for ownership.

But DMA chairman Khurshid Ahmed said he had "every confidence" of success. "We just have to go along with the legal process – there's not much else we can do," he said.

The precise date of the hearing will be announced towards the end of the year.

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If approved, the new mosque will include a 63ft gold-coloured minaret and a 45ft green dome on the building. The complex will include leisure facilities open to non-Muslims, as well as two cafes, a multi-use sports hall, a gym and nursery. It would also offer educational facilities, including language courses for workers such as taxi drivers who may be struggling with their English. It is thought the centre will create 124 jobs.

Honours given to school staff

Catering and cleaning staff from a Black Country school have been hon-oured with awards.

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Around 90 employees from Dudley Council's client and catering services have been recognised for their various achievements in the last 12 months.

Among them were staff from Hurst Hill Primary School, in Coseley, who were named cleaning team of the year.

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans, was to be at the school, in Paul Street, to present staff with certificates for their efforts.

"Our cleaners, caretakers and catering staff do such a wonderful job.

"Our cleaners, caretakers and catering staff do such a wonderful job, it is important that we recognise their efforts," he said.

Teams from Crestwood Park Primary School, in Lapwood Avenue, Kingswinford, and Woodsetton School, in Tipton Road, near Dudley,

Joe Brown concert

Rock and roll star, Joe Brown, will be performing in Dudley later this year.
The singer, who is celebrating 53 years as an entertainer, will be at Dudley Concert Hall on December 9.
The two hour celebration will feature songs such as A Picture of You and It Only Took a Minute. Tickets range from £18 – £20 and are available at the box office on 01384 812812.

ZCLEAR WINDOWS

Getting outdoors

Wyre Forest parents aiming to get their children out and about can find a wide range of activities for them at local centres, says Worcestershire County Council's outdoor and envi-ronmental learning service. Outdoor centres in Upton Warren, Bromsgrove and Malvern offer one to five-day courses providing activities such as climbing, canoeing, archery and raft building. Phil Ascough, from

the service said: "Parents are always on the look out for different ways to keep their kids occupied.
"There is an exciting programme of outdoor activities for young people at local centres in Malvern and Bromsgrove and for the more adventurous thrill seekers, Llanrug Outdoor Centre in North Wales."

Anyone interested should visit www.worcester.gov.uk/outdoors

work in Gornal but bos

say they are committed to carrying out the project in the present financial year.

As part of the work, all four shelters at the station

four shelters at the station will be replaced with newer, more modern designs. Lighting at the station, which is in the heart of Gornal village, will also be upgraded to improve security. Talks on improving the station have been ongoing between Centro and Dudley Council for months.

Discuss The announcement follows a recent meeting between the transport authority and councillors to discuss the proposed changes

nanges.
Centro says the existing

Centro says the existing shelters are nearing the end of their lifespan and need to be replaced.

But it says the size of the station would not be altered when the stands are replaced.

replaced.

It also wants the station to be ready to cater for any future increases in services.

Learning new skills

Young offenders in Dudley have been learning new skills as part of their punishment. Since January this year, young offenders have been learning woodworking skills from a carpenter and have been making bird boxes and planters. They have been given certificates of personal effectiveness. Teaching them new skills is aimed at helping the young offenders to secure further training or employ-

ment and reduce the chance of them re-offending.

The planters were donated to Jephson Housing to be given to residents in sheltered accommodation.

Councillor Tim Wright, cabinet member responsible for community safety, said: "It's great to see young people from Dudley's youth offending service learning new skills and giving something back to the community."

Ageing bus station to get £14,000 facelift

An ageing Dudley bus station which is used by hundreds of passengers every week is to get a £14,000 facelift. Centro has been working on plans to improve Gornal Wood bus station for months, and the scheme has now been agreed.

It is the latest in a series of high-profile developments including the building new bus stations in Wolverhampton and Stourbridge. The £22.5 million station in Wolverhampton opened recently, and the £7m development in Stourbridge is taking shape. A date has not yet been finalised for the start of

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Appeal to track down milk thief

Police are now appealing for help to trap a light-fingered thief who has been stealing milk from Black Country doorsteps in the early hours of the morning.

The man, dubbed the Stoubridge Milk Thief, has been taking bottles from outside properties of people living in the Old Quarter area.

CCTV has been installed by a concerned resident to get to the bottom of who might behind the thefts.

The images have been uploaded to YouTube and Twitter and released by West Midlands Police in an attempt to eatch him.

Sgt Andy Pugh of the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town neighbourhood said; "Although this is a low level crime, it is still theft and will be taken seriously by the neighbourhood team." It would be a shame if residents in this area

"It would be a shame if residents in this area stopped having milk delivered because of these mindless thefts.

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"The issue has also caused some concern amongst people living in the area and we are keen to resolve the issue."

The CCTV image shows a man who has short

hair and is of a medium to large build. Officers would like to ask anyone who sees something suspicious in the area to come forward and speak to police at Stourbridge police station on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555

Churches' sound of silence



Off the buses for hospital

future increases in services. Centro spokesman Steve Swingler said: "We had a productive meeting with councillors and have agreed to replace the four shelters. "We have not yet set a date for the work to take place but aim to start during this financial year." Ready to walk are Dudley bus drivers, from left, Dave Gerrard and Terry Huxley, with John Greasley, Richard Harris, Anthony Wade, Dean Smith and Lee O'Reilly

A group of Black Country bus drivers will leave their vehicles behind and take on a sponsored walk. The eight workers will trek along the eight-mile 246 route from Dudley Bus Station to Stourbridge town centre.

Cash raised will go towards the children's unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital – and the walkers will call in on the way to say hello. The event on August 7 has been organised

80 jobs created at Tesco

Eighty new jobs will be created when a £27 million Tesco superstore is completed later this year.

Work on the store at Burnt Tree Island on the Dudley-Sandwell border.

Bosses say there would be more than 80 fresh vacancies at the store, expected to be open before Christmas. It is likely to bring the grand total of workers at the supermarket to 380.

When the store shut in January, 120 staff remained on site at a temporary branch and 180 were sent to work at supermarkets across the West Midlands.

Talks are taking place with staff to ensure they want to return by December.

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But some workers fear they will be asked to take a reduction in hours, up to two hours a week, to accommodate the new positions and changes to how the store operates.

Bosses refused to rule out reduc-

Bosses refused to rule out reduc-tions in some cases but said this would be "rare" with the aim to match workers to their original roles. A spokesman for the workers, who did not wish to be named, said: "There are worries staff returning to Burnt Tree will have reduced hours." Tesco spokesman Jonathan Simpson confirmed interviews were

taking place for staff who wanted to return to Burnt Tree. "At the moment we are undertaking a period of job matching."

New face at Severn Valley

A former chairman of scrapped quango Advantage West Midlands has taken over the helm at Severn Valley Railway's operating company.

Nick Paul has become chairman of

Nick Paul has become chairman of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc.
Mr Paul, a Severn Valley Railway life member since 1997, was nominated for the role by the board earlier this month and was voted in unanimously by his fellow directors.
Mr Paul, who previously also worked as chairman of the MG-Rover Taskforce to retrain and redeploy 5,000 staff made redundant in the 2005 collapse of the Longbridge car maker, succeeds chairman of nine years Mick York.
He was chairman of AWM for two

He was chairman of AWM for two terms, leaving in 2009, having over-seen a number of major projects.

Tickets to see The Drifters

Tickets to see The Drifters in Dudley later this year have now gone on sale.

The band, known for classics such as Save The Last Dance For Me, Up On The Roof, Come on Over To My Place, Saturday Night at the Movies, and Fools Fall in Love, will be performing at Dudley Concert Hall on October 1.

Tickets for the show are £25 and £12.50 for Options+ cardholders. To buy tickets or for further details call the box office on 01384 812812.

Village churches will stage medita-tion workshops next week. The Big Silence Programme workshops, designed to teach relaxation and meditation skills, will begin on August 7 at 3pm at St Michael and All Angels, Church Drive, Stourport, with Brother Nicholas Alan who is from the Glasshampton Monastery.

Br Nicholas will be at the church on the first Sunday of every month. Then, on September 18, Rev Mark Turner will host a Big Silence session at St Bartholomew in Areley Kings at 6.30pm. Meanwhile, St Wulstan's RC Church, Vale Road, Stourport, will open for an hour-long silent medita-tion every Friday from 10am.

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Firefighters have told how they fought for more than 90 minutes to save the life of a week-old foal trapped in a four foot deep water-filled ditch.

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Firm hit by six thefts in a month

Metal worth tens of thousands of pounds has been stolen after thieves targeted a Dudley foundry six times in just one month.
Thieves have been caught on CCTV in vans breaking its till.

Theves have been caught on CCTV breaking into The Vanguard Foundry, in Botts Lane, Lye, in a series of overnight raids. In the most recent attack, £13.600 of specialised Gietberg manifolds were stolen, along with 12 Churchill manifolds, worth £2,300. Pc Adam Pitt, from the Lye neighbourhood policing team, said CCTV had been recorded showing the burglary in progress. The first of the two vans caught on CCTV between 10.30pm on July 26 and 12.35am on July 27 is a high-top transit van with two orange beavan with two orange bea-cons on the roof and a chevcons on the roof and a chevron pattern on rear doors. It also bears a logo reading "AB" on the sides and rear. On July 18, 150 castings worth around £10,000 were stolen by thieves who climbed in through a window. The second van caught on camera is white with a logo on the sides reading "1UP". Anyone with information can call PC Pitt on 0345 113 5000 ext 7905 6537.

Courses to combat stress

A charity in Dudley is running courses aimed at reducing stress and anxiety in the workplace.

in the workplace.

Dudley Mind has trained
10 people who will be offering skills to employers.
Training project manager
Liz Sewell said: "Employers
are now recognising how
having this knowledge can
potentially save them thousands of pounds." For information call 01384 442938.

Bike crash survivor says thank you to hospital

rific motorbike crash said thank you to the hospital that cared for him with a little help from his friends

Andy Darby, aged 41, spent a month in intensive care after suffering serious Andy Darby, aged 41, spent a month in intensive care after suffering serious brain injuries during the smash in Sedgley in September. The father-of-three was riding his Suzuki bike when he collided with a Fiat Punto on Dudley Road – just yards from his home in Elmbridge Way.

Firefighters

Save foal

Andy Darby, aged 41, spent a month in intensive care after suffering serious brain surple for the first part of the suffered brain damage, multiple broken bones and severed nerve, meaning he cannot move his left arm. His friends arranged a 10-mile fancy dress walk in aid of budley's Russells Hall Hospital, via some of the pubs Mr Darby used to drink in.

Though Mr Darby, a former drainage engineer, cannot take part, he says he

Though Mr Darby, a former drainage engineer, cannot take part, he says he wanted to thank the hospital staff for keeping him alive.

During the first week after the accident Mr Darby was on a "do not resuscitate" list as his injuries were so critical.

Terrible

His partner of 26 years, Nicky Hughes, 41, said: "We were told to expect the worse and for weeks after we didn't know if he would survive. We were just hoping he would come round—it was terrible."

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But as the weeks passed by, he slowly gained strength and came round after about six weeks. Staff at the hospital were amazed when Mr Darby walked

anout six weeks. Staff at the nospital were amazed when Mr Darby walked in earlier this year.

Though Mr Darby still suffers bouts of pain and struggles with memory loss, he says he feels "lucky to be alive". He said: "I still can't remember anything about what happened."

The group of walkers included his sons Shaun, 23 and Mitchell, 22 and Lauren, 17, all donning fancy dress. They will made their way from The Clifton in Sedgley town centre to Russells Hall Hospital, via six other pubs last Sunday.

There is a Facebook page where you can log on and search for Andy Darby's Fancy Dress Fun Run.



Surgeon's appeal is rejected

An orthopaedic surgeon who worked at a Black Country hospital for seven years says he is financially ruined after losing a bid to overturn a professional body's findings against him. Shah Khalid Sulaiman was given a £9,374 High Court bill after losing an appeal against a decision that his fitness to practise is "impaired". Mr Sulaiman was an orthopaedic and trauma consultant at Russell Halls Hospital, Dudley, from 2000 to 2007, but concerns were expressed over his work. It led to an investigation by the General Medical Council, which in May last year said his "professional performance was unacceptable" in certain areas.

The GMC's fitness to practise panel imposed strict conditions on his registration, meaning he can only work under supervision. But Mr Sulaiman launch-

tion, meaning he can only work under supervision.
But Mr Sulaiman launched a High Court challenge. He told Mrs Justice Nicola Davies there were problems in the way the GMC's assessment procedure was carried out which meant the panel's decision should be overturned.
The judge returned to the court a month after the appeal hearing and rejected Mr Sulaiman's case, before giving him the costs bill.

Sailing club to hold taster day

Himley Hall Sailing Club s inviting people to take to he water on August 13 and

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Shout about bid to be city, says leader

Dudley Council leader Les Jones has defended the borough's bid to become a city during a live question and answer session, saving it

tion and answer session, saying it should be shouting "from the roof tops" about what it could offer investors and visitors.

He was put in the spotlight on the council's Facebook page where people were able to ask questions about the authority's ambition to be granted city status. Both the council and the bid came under fire from residents who said they did not believe it would be said they did not believe it would be successful.

successful.

But Councillor Jones said it "was worth
a shot" and could raise the borough's
national profile.

Among those quizzing the leader was one
resident who asked: "Why would we benefit
from having city status? What would we
have then, which we don't have now?"

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Investing

Councillor Jones replied: "We have had visitors from China looking at investing in our area, but it is hard to explain what our area is when they ask where our city is. Is it Wolverhampton or Birmingham? I think it should be Dudley."

Defending the application, he also said: "Apart from a few hours of our officers' time we have spent nothing on this bid and neither has anyone else.

"We won't necessarily have another opportunity to do this for decades and actually the point of the bid is to raise our profile as a place to invest, live and work." He was also asked what sort of things would improve if Dudley got city status.
"Well hopefully we will be able to follow through on all the great plans that we already have in place."

He also got quizzed on why Dudley does not have wheelie bins and whether a permanent home could be found in the borough for the Dudley Heathens speedway team. Speaking about wheelie bins, he said they could be "useful" in some areas but "a liability" in others. And he said there were many "planning and environmental obstacles" to setting up a new speedway were many "planning and environmental obstacles" to setting up a new speedway

On your bike for fundraiser



Richard Hobbs and Jane Williams, who are taking part in a charity ride

A landscape gardener is taking on a fundraising cycle trek in memory of two friends who died of

cancer.

Richard Hobbs, from Bridgnorth
Road, Enville, is riding 900 miles
from John O'Groats to Land's End
over nine days. He is taking on the
challenge in memory of his former
school friends Christopher

Shillington, who died of stomach cancer at the age of 32, and 31-year-old Camilla Codrington, who suffered ovarian cancer. Mr Hobbs, 32, is raising cash for the Teenage Cancer Trust. He is joined by Jane Cancer Trust. He is Joined by Saine Williams and Lorna Brooke, who are supporting the Injured Jockeys Fund, after one of their friends was hurt in a riding accident

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ong wait for Icelandic returns

rapayers in wyre rorest will have to wait for up to seven years to see the return of £6.5million invested by the council in failed Icelandic banks.

A further blow came as it emerged bond holders in the banks have issued

bond holders in the banks have issued a second challenge to the council's status as a "priority" for paybacks. Currently, the council expects to receive around 90p for every £1 invested in the banks. But if the appeal by bond holders succeeds, the authority risks getting back as little as 35p in the pound.

Wyre Forest District Council invested a total of £9million in the Icelandic banks, and since they col-

The new challenge, launched after a first appeal failed in April, could delay the repayment plan for several months.

Council spokeswoman Suzanne Johnston-Hubbold said the authority hoped to get a "significant" payout by the end of the year, with the rest being received in regular small payouts until the 2017/18 financial

ar. She said the bond holders had been allocated 'non-priority' status and were appealing for the council to be dropped to the same status. "We remain confident however, that we will be successful in the appeal and keep priority status," she added. Council bosses hope the acued. Council bosses hope the money will help ease the pressure from the council, which has to save £4million over the next four years, including £1.2million over the next financial year.

financial year.

They had earmarked the money to go towards projects including the controversial £13 million single-site civic centre, a £2.5 million computer system, and a new cemetery costing just over £2 million. The schemes have had to be scaled back and the money found through cuts.

Family has five generations

Baby David Leo Cameron is the latest arrival to a Dudley family which now proudly spans five genera-

Proud great-great-grandmother Doris Spragg, aged 88, from Dudley, is "over the moon" to have wel-comed him to her clan. Little David was born five

weeks ago.

All five generations of his An Inve generations of his family, including David's mother Jessica Cameron, aged 22, gathered for their first photograph at Mrs Spragg's home in Chapel Street, Pensnett

On hand to welcome David to the family was also Mrs Spragg's daughter David to the family was also
Mrs Spragg's daughter
Maureen Harvey, 65, and
grand daughter Jackie
Cameron, 43, who both live
in Longdon Upon Tern, near
Telford, where they run the
Tayleur Arms pub.

Smethwick-born Mrs
Spragg, who worked in a
munitions factory during
the Second World War, now
has three children, five
grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Although he shares the M's name, baby David is PM's name, baby I named after his named after his great-grandfather David Harvey, who died three years ago.



Doris Spragg, seated, with her great-grand daughter, Jessica, great-great-grandson, David, and back, daughter, Maureen Harvey and grand daughter Jackie

Delight as bar plans are pulled

Residents who would have been affected by con-troversial plans for a late-night bar opposite a church are celebrating after they were withdrawn at the last minute.

minute.

The proposals for a bar in the old Barclays Bank in Lye High Street caused anger among locals who claimed the development could cause noise and disruption

Ghulam Nabi Namdar withdrew his application before it was due to go before Dudley Council licensing chiefs.

Mr Namdar wanted to have dancing and live music at the venue, which is just yards from a quiet residen-tial street and opposite Bethel Chapel.

An application had been made to sell alcohol there and play music" until 3am. Live music would also have been held until midnight.

Councillors had started a campaign. Councillor Adrian Turner, who represents Lye and Stourbridge North, said: "We're delighted."

Shuttle bus laid on while station built

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A temporary shuttle service operating in Stourbridge while a new £7million bus station is built in the town will now run until the development is complete.

Bulldozers and diggers moved on to Bulldozers and diggers moved on to the development site in Foster Street East after closure of the old station in October. Since then passengers have been using temporary bus stops set up in Birmingham Street, High Street, Market Street and Parkfield Road with the free shuttle bus scheduled for operation to and from the town centre.

Bosses have been constantly reviewing the usage of the shuttle bus, deciding every few months whether to keep it going.

tew months whether to keep it going. They have announced they will keep the shuttle running until the development is completed early next year.

In April, it was revealed passenger numbers using the shuttle had increased from 300 to 400 a day.

Completed

Centro spokesperson Mark Langford said: "We are pleased to have been able to extend the shuttle bus until the town's new bus station is completed and open for pas-

sengers.

"It is important to provide passengers with a link between the temporary bus stops and Stourbridge town centre during this period and we are happy to be able to continue this service until the project is completed next year." The new bus station is starting to take

The new bus station is starting to take shape with some of the frame for the main building already in place and the roof also starting to come together.

The site will include a shop and improved concourse. A subway linking the town centre with the bus station will be extended to bring commuters into the middle of the station.

CCTV, help points and an internal public address system will also be installed.

The shuttle bus operates Sam-6pm Monday-Saturday on a one way loop along Parkfield Road, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham Street, St John's Road, High Street, Market Street, Bell Street, New Street, St John's Road, Church Street and back to Parkfield Road.

New team is kitted up



Members of Ruiton Cons football team, with, front, Richard Farmer and Matt Bird and, back, Peter Evans, Gary Whitehouse, sponsor Shaz Saleem and Lee Jordan

A new football team has been set up to get teenagers off the streets and working together.

and working together.

The Ruiton Cons are made up of youngsters from the areas around Sedgley and Gornal.

The idea came from members of Upper Gornal Conservative Club, who then drafted in Shaz Saleem, owner of local firm Beacon Taxis to help. The team now has 15 players

and will compete in the Dudley and Cradley Football League next season. Matt Bird, aged 21, a labourer from Sedgley, has become chairman of the team's committee and helped recruit youngsters.

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He said: "This is something I've always wanted to do."
Mr Saleem said: "This is a great way of encouraging these lads to do something constructive."

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Plans unveiled for £3m health centre

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Plans for a new £3 million health centre in Pensnett offering a GP surgery and specialist treatments have been unveiled.

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The complex in High Oak would offer services such as physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and midwifery. NHS Dudley, which is behind the scheme, hopes to submit a planning application to the council by December. Construction work is expected to take 40 weeks and health chiefs hope to have the new building open to the public by September 2013.

Early designs for the centre, which will house High Oak Surgery, have been drawn up and residents are now being asked for their views and surgestions.

The plans can be viewed at Pharmacy Gallariea, High Oak Surgery, Brierley Hill Library, Kingswinford Medical Practice and Pensnett Community Centre. People will be able to fill in a short questionnaire.

Contribute

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Project manager Kat Rose said: "We are delighted to be able to start planning for a new health centre in Pensnett and are really keen for local people to contribute to

new health centre in Pensnett and are really keen for local people to contribute to the plans.

"It is really important that this building meets the needs of the local community and we are keen to hear from everyone in the area to tell us what they think the new building should look like.

"The questionnaire is really simple to complete and can be completed locally in Pensnett or on our website. We really want to make sure that when the health centre opens in 2013, everyone who lives and works in the area is proud of the building." NHS Dudley, which oversees and commissions healthcare in the borough, is also working on plans for a new health centre in Lye, which is expected to open by August 2013.

Under the plans the Limes Surgery in High Street and the Pedmore Road Surgery would relocate to the centre along with the Health for Lyefe shop.

The questionnaire and images can be viewed online by visiting NHS Dudley's website at www.nhsdud ley.nhs.uk

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Alan Priddy with the team that have been working on the Good Heart

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the been working on the Good Heart turer Alan Priddy, aged 58. He hopes to beat the existing 61-day record as part of his Global Circumnavigation Challenge. The project began in April. Recently the hull of the boat was turned over for the first time using two cranes to move the six-ton steel structure. The team can now start fitting out the interior. The boat is 90ft long.



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Review launched to gain schools project

A judicial review is being launched by Dudley Council in a bid to secure the future of a borough-wide school IT

project.

Last year Dudley Council
announced RM Education to be
its preferred bidder for a £38
million contract to provide and
manage IT services for up to 120

manage IT services for up to 120 primary, secondary and special schools and pupil referral units. The firm, based in Abingdon, Oxford, has run IT services for schools, called the Dudley Grid for Learning, since 1999.

Private Finance Initiative credits worth around £19.1 million were earmarked to help pay for the scheme by the Department for Education and the Department for Communities and Local Government, but the council claims it has been told it will now only get £8.9m.

Earmarked

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Earlier this year the council was told it can no longer draw in the private sector cash earmarked for the project. It has emerged, however, the Government has provided partial funding to keep the scheme going for the next few years but the council says it is looking to go to the courts to secure the cash to keep it going for later years of the project.

Dudley Council leader, councillor Les Jones, said: "We are continuing to work with RM to deliver the grid for learning service and have secured government funding to continue running it for the next few years.

"However, we do believe that the department for communities and local government's decision to with-draw funding for the longer term, over the next decade, which had previously been committed to by central Government, is incorrect.

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but to consider the matter in the form of a judicial review unless the deci-sion is reversed."

Kicking in the cash for cancer



Front Helen Whitehouse and manager Raj Kaur with, middle, Angelika Pachowicz, Shahida Parveen, Susan Condett and top Jody Verity, Izabela Pelszyk, Jas Kaur, Jane Clulow and Heidi Kaur

Female fitness fans stepped out to raise more than £600 with an outdoor aerobathon to raise money for breast cancer research.

cancer research.

Ten women from Unique Fitness 4
Ladies, Wellington Road, Dudley, performed sponsored aerobic workouts
including cardio kick, a high-energy
exercise incorporating boxing moves.

Manager Rai Kaur, who organised

the event on June 15, said it had been

the event on June 15, said it had been a great success raking in £625 in total for the breast cancer work at Cancer Research UK.

"We are a ladies gym and a lot of our members have suffered or known someone who has suffered from breast cancer, so it seemed like an appropriate cause," said Mrs Kaur, aged 42, of London Heights, Dudley.



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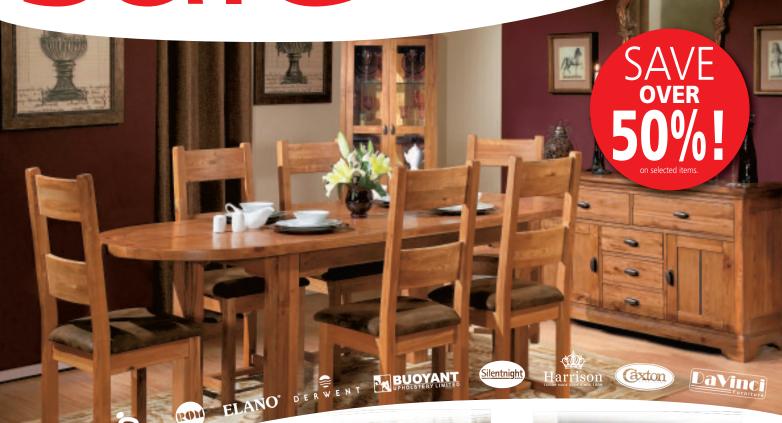
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Julia reprises her role in Fiddler musical 30 years on

An actress from the Black Country will step back in time when she reprises a role she first tackled 30 years ago. Julia Siviter is starring in Quarry Bank Operatic Society's latest production of Fiddler on the Roof as Golde.

Julia Siviter is starring in Quarry Bank Operatic Society's latest production of Fiddler on the Roof as Golde. It is a character the 53-year-old first took on as a 23-year-old back in 1981 for Old Hill Tabernacle Operatic Society. At the time, one of her daughters was played by Rachael Cooper, whose daughter Alex is now following in her mother's footsteps and playing the same role.

Mrs Siviter, of Wordsley, said: "I was far too young for the part back then – the actresses playing my daughters were older than me – so it feels right to play it again now."

The mother-of-one still has a cutting from the local press in 1981 previewing the performance.

She has been a member of the Quarry Bank society for nine years and this is her first major role.

She will be joined by her son Adam, 24, and husband Lawson who both also have parts in the show. The musical tells the story of Golde's husband Tevye, a poor dairyman who tries to instil in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community.

It runs from September 20 to 24 at Netherton Arts Centre, Northfield Road, Netherton, which has been the home of the operatic society for almost 40 years. As part of its anniversary celebrations earlier this year, members staged Titanic: a New Musical, telling the story of the liner's maiden voyage and the hopes and dreams of those on board. The group is also looking for two boys aged between eight and 12 to take part in the show.

Anyone interested should contact secretary Stephen Howard on 07511 065886 for information.

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Members of Old Hill Tabernacle Operatic Society in 1981, including Julia Siviter, centre right, and Rachael Cooper, front left, whose daughter Alex now plays the same part



Members of QBOS, front, Alex Cooper, Taylor Floyd, Isobel Cooper, centre, Peter Walker, Julia Siviter, back, Morgan Floyd, Zoe Bunn, Grace Lawton-Jones, Alex Detheridge



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18 elderly residents uprooted **'without** warning'

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Eighteen elderly residents at a care centre have suddenly faced being uprooted and moved to a new home after the owner announced he was closing down.

And one resident's family has accused Sandwell And one resident's family has accused Sandwell Council's social services team of moving her from the place she loved to a home almost 10 miles away without telling them. The owner of Westfield Lodge, in Norton Road, Stourbridge, Dennis Dawes, gave 28 days' notice to Dudley Council on July 6.

Dudley Council funded nine out of the 18 residents living there and has been working with their families and staff to find them alternative care homes.

The final two residents remaining at Westfield Lodge they were due to move to an alternative home by the end of last week.

they were due to more than the last week.

The daughter of 84-year-old retired draper Gladys Dunne, who had lived at the home for eight years and used to come from Oldbury, claims that Sandwell Council "removed" her from Westfield Lodge and moved her to a home in Woodsetton, Dudley.

Prepared

Angela Weston, formerly of Stourbridge, said: "This happened without our knowledge.
"My mother was very much at home there and, as she has dementia, needs to be prepared before anything happens." She said they had drawn up a short-list of alternative homes but had yet to make a decision.

Councillor Ann Jaron, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for adult social care, said: "Since the issues came up at Westfield Lodge, we have done everything we can to find Mrs Dunne a suitable home in what has been a very fast-moving and difficult situation for all concerned."



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Have your say on £6m archive plan

Sandwell will be scrutinised by residents under a consu-tation scheme.

The multi-million pound base will be built on the site of the former Royal Brierley Crystal factory, Tipton Road near the Black Country Living Museum. A decision on the plan is due to be made by planning officers in Dudley this autumn. But before the project is given the go-ahead resi-dents will be asked for their views on the scheme over the

dents will be asked for their views on the scheme over the next three months.

Bosses at Dudley Council, which is leading the consulta-tion, say they want to discover what services the commu-nity want the centre to provide. Councillor Adrian Turner, urged people to their opinion across in a questionnaire can be found online or at venues around the

borough.

"The council needs local people's views and opinions as to the kinds of services it should be providing from the new archives building," he said.

If approved, the building is expected to be completed by summer 2013, replacing the present base, in Mount Pleas-

ant, Coseley.

The new centre will have records dating back to the 12th century in its library, a conservation studio, archive storage, a lecture theatre and conference rooms. The archive storage will be used by both Dudley and Sandwell councils as well as the museum.

Road closure will hit our trade say bosses

Businesses along one of the busiest routes through Dudley town centre have voiced fears trade could plummet plummet after it was announced the road will shut for more than a month for roadworks.

roadworks.
Wolverhampton Street will close between September 29 and November 2 as part of a wider 18-month programme of roadworks in the town in the town.

But traders in the street say they are already suffering from the closure of nearby roads such as Stafford Street, which has led to a drop in cus-

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tomers. Janet Simpson, who runs Janet's Hair and Beauty Products in Wolverhampton Street, said: "It is a main road so it is going to cause prob-lems for me when it is closed.

Customers

"I have already lost customers because people find it difficult to get to the shop as Stafford Street is shut so it will be even worse when Wolver-hampton Street is closed. "I know they have to do these road-works but to close the road for such a

long time at once is not going to be very good for business." Bosses at the

feared they could lose more cus-tomers when Wolverhampton Street is shut while Cynthia Burgin, owner

is shut while Cynthia Burgin, owner of Burgins News, says she is concerned about losing passing trade.

The roadworks programme, which is being carried out by numerous utilities firms, began in April and will affect 64 roads in the town centre, although not all of the roads will be closed at the same time.

Transport chief Councillor Patrick Harley, said diversions would be in place.

"These are essential works that the utility companies have to get on with," he said. "By not closing off individual roads the misery would just be



Janet Simpson, of Janet's Hair and Beauty Products, Wolverhampton Street



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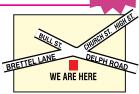






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It's a super Cooper send-off for teacher



Deputy head John Cooper with staff and pupils at Jesson's Primary School, Dudley

Jesson's Primary School, Dudley

A deputy headteacher has said goodbye to staff and pupils at the Black Country school where he has taught for more than two decades.

John Cooper has spent 22 years at Jesson's Primary School, in School Street, Dudley, but his name will live on after students named an outdoor classroom after him.

The 59-year-old, who is taking early retirement, began his 38-year teaching career at Wren's Nest Primary School, Dudley, He moved to Jesson's Primary as a teacher before becoming deputy headteacher 16 years ago.

The father-of-two, from Kingswinford, said he was sad to be leaving the school where he had made many friends. He said he was also flattered after the new outdoor classroom was named The Coop Deck. "There is a plaque with my name on. It is a nice thing to have," he said. Mr Cooper said he was looking forward to taking a break and had rented a holiday cottage in Cornwall.

People complain about noisy rag-and-bone men

300 complaints from fed-up residents in the Black Country and Staffordshire. Householders across the region have been grumbling about tatters who have been travelling around the streets playing out a tune on a bugle to announce to residents they are there if anyone

wants to get rid of any scrap metal.

Historians say the traditional sound of the bugle forms part of the region's heritage but some people think they are too loud – particularly when the tatters particularly when the tauters are out and about during the mornings at weekends. Council officers say despite the number of complaints they can only act if the tatters use loud speakers to amplify the sounds. Dudley Council says it has received 108 complaints over the last year, while 50 have been lodged with Stafford Borough Council.

There have been 28 complaints in Wolverhampton, 14 were reported in South Stafford-shire last year and 10 in Sandwell.

Figures out last month showed there have been around 88 complaints relating to noise in Walsall.

Offence are out and about during the

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Record is set by the annual **Asian games**

Thousands of people from across the country flocked for Dudley's annual Asian games festival.

Around 100 strongmen battled it out to be named the new weight-lifting champion at the Dudley Shazad Mela at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club in Swindon Road, Wall Heath – and a new bench press

Shazad Mela at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club in Swindon Road, Wall Heath – and a new bench press record was set at 518lbs.

Among the 4,300 people who turned out for the event at the weekend was 16-year-old Istahaar Shazada, from Holly Hall, Dudley, who was named the new junior stone-lifting champion. Meanwhile, a team from Manchester thrashed Dudley players in the British Kabaddi Championship, Other activities included volleyball and five-a-side football.

The annual games event was renamed after Shahzada Saleem of Dudley in 1996. Mr Saleem, who was known by his nickname King Shazad, became the youngest champion at the games when he lifted 344lbs to claim the title in 1985, aged 18. He retired after setting a benchmark of 443lbs in 1995, which has still not been beaten.

He made a guest appearance at this year's mela, which was organised by his son Shaz. The 25-year-old taxi driver said: "It was a really good, very exciting day and everyone seemed to really enjoy it. I think the weather definitely helped. The aim of the event is to bring the community together and get young people off the streets and doing something positive."

Pupils have charity in their sights

Pupils wore their shorts and shades for lessons to raise money for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice in

The fundraiser at Straits Primary School in Lower Gornal was organised by Gemma Hemmings, manager of the village's hospice shop. The fundraiser at hop. Pupils wore colourful

Pupils wore colourfu T-shirts and shorts in the classroom on the last day of term. Deputy headteacher Helen Birch said: "We

Helen Birch said: "We do let the children come in wearing their own clothes, and not uniform, on the last day of term but this year many of the pupils chose to wear shorts and shades."

Pupils made a donation to the hospice in exchange for wearing their summer clothes. The school in Longfellow Road holds events throughout the

Offence

Dudley Council environment chief, Councillor David Stanley said: "If we were to receive multiple complaints about the same vehicle in the same area we would be able to consider evidence to establish if an offence under the provisions of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 had

occurred." Council chiefs in Wolverhamp-

Council chiefs in Wolverhampton say residents complaining about tatters should contact the authority with the vehicle registration number and the time and location of the incident.

Last year Stafford Borough Council prosecuted a scrap collector who was stopped after playing a recording of a horn through a loud speaker in his van sparking complaints.

tellow Road holds events throughout the year in aid of the hospice. At the annual Harvest Festival, pupils make up a hamper which is then auctioned

which is then auctioned off at the hospice shop in Louise Street.

The hospice's head of fundraisers, Janet
Jones, said: "I am sure the pupils at Straits primary had great last day of term, while also helping to raise muchneeded funds."



Last day shorts and shades for, front, Leo Hemmings, aged seven, with Lewis Millington, eight, Harry Haden, seven, and Matthew Jones, eight, from class 3A at Straits Primary School



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he Black Country Living Museum is entered via the entrance to the former Rolfe Street Baths, which were relocated

mich were relocated from Smethwick.

The baths were taken down brick-by-brick in 1989 and rebuilt in 1999 as part of the urban heritage park

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Beyond the entrance area and exhibits are a series of electric trams and trolley-buses, which sweep visitors from the entrance to a small Black Country village, featuring 30 buildings beside a canal basin. Walsall retained its trolley buses until 1970 and the Black Country Living Museum is one of only three in the UK that has an operational set.

The spokesman added: "Planning and making a visit to the Black Country Living Museum is easy. There is more than enough on site to keep you fully occupied for a whole day.

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"If you do not have a whole day to spare, then you can look at the various attractions on our map to help you plan in advance what you particularly want to see. That way you can make the most of your day.

"A changing programme of demonstrations and events from metal working and glass cutting to sweetmaking ensures something to suit all tastes. People can watch the sliver screen flicker to life in the Limelight Cinema with silent films from the 1920s. Alternatively, they can marvel over vehicles from the golden age of motoring and explore the underground mine."

The museum's activities are supported by the Friends of the Museum, who were also the driven





over now their ancestors used to play All aboar force behind its formation during the 1970s. They are registered as a charity and are involved in collecting exhibits, manning displays, promotional work and organising events. They also take care of organising services in the Museum Chapel and act as guides and demonstrators.

Given the importance of coal mining to the area, one of the most popular attractions is an underground coalmine. Coal occurred in seams of up to 10 metres thickness, called Staffordshire Thick

Coal, but its extraction led to problems of subsi-

Coal, but its extraction led to problems of subsidence as the ground dropped to fill the voids.

An underground experience, called Into The Thick, shows people how miners worked the coal around 1850. People are shown into a driff mine, with a sloping tunnel, and they can walk along a maze of roadways and working areas. Advanced electronics and displays bring the underground calmine to life



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Outdated college site for sale

tampas win be soliton to raise cash to fund future building projects. Long-lands Centre will close when creative arts staff and students transfer to a

arts staff and students transfer to a new \$12 million complex in Brierley Hill this month.

A future use for the old campus in Brook Street, has not yet been decided but principal Lynette Cutting said it was a "prime site for housing". A feasibility study looking at possible uses for the site – including new homes – will now be drawn up by college staff before it is sold.

Money from the sale will be used to help fund ongoing improvements to

college facilities. "We are looking at different options for the site but we will be selling it," said Mrs Cutting. The campus, was part of the former Longlands School, which closed in the

Since then it has been used for creative arts subjects. The new eyecatching campus in Venture Way, Brierley Hill – which will open in September offering courses to 1,000 students – is nearing completion.

An opening ceremony will be held at the new campus when students and staff have settled in next term. A project to revamp the Hagley Road campus is also under way with

Construction work has begun and will be completed by September.

will be completed by September.
Last week the college announced £1m plans to refurbish the reception and learning resource centre during the next 12 months.
The number of full-time students enrolled for the next academic year has increased from 2,500 to 2,850 – a rise of around 15 per cent.
Mrs Cutting said the new campus had attracted more people through the doors.

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"It has caused a lot of excitement,"

Registry services will go on

People may still be able to record births and marriages in Stourbridge after the town's register office closes in the autumn.

The Crown Centre base is due to shut to make way for the £50 million redevelopment of the site.

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Although people will no longer be able to get married in Stourbridge, bosses say they are looking at providing some other services to save people having to make a trip to Dudley.

Councillor Tim Wright,said: "The register office in Stourbridge will be closing from autumn to make way for the much needed redevelopment of the Crown Centre.

"We are continuing to look into the viability of offering a registration service for births, deaths and marriages in the town." It is the little-used wedding ceremony element at Stourbridge that will be stopping from the autumn. However wedding and civil partnership ceremonies will continue to be on offer at Dudley Priory Hall."

Looking for an ape-ropriate name



One of the Gelada baboons has moved into one of the site's Tecton enclosures

Four Gelada baboons have moved into a

Four Gelada baboons have moved into a revamped iconic enclosure at Dudley Zoo. The endangered species of apes have been transferred from collections in Switzerland and Germany, in a first for the Dudley attraction. They are the last surviving species of a once-widespread group of grass-grazing primates.

Three brothers, Fisseh, Femi and Ebanois transferred from Zurich, while the fourth arrived from Berlin. Staff are now asking the public to help name him.

Zoo senior curator Derek Grove said: "The four have settled in tremendously well and are really enjoying the new enclosure, but it's sad the fourth baboon hasn't got a name so we are tweeting members of the public for ideas."

They have moved into to a recently revamped Tecton complex on the site. There are a dozen Tecton structures on site, which were designed and built between 1935 and 1937 using reinforced concrete, a pioneering system at the time.

In 2009, all 12 of the zoo's Modernist structures had received World Monuments Fund status and placed on a watch list alongside Machu Picchu and the Taj Mahal.

Mr Growe added: "This is one of the most

Manal.

Mr Grove added: "This is one of the most well-known Tecton buildings on site and is now fully in use. The complex originally provided homes to lions, polar bears and tigers."

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Pub chain is selling off sites

A dozen pubs across the Midlands—including two in Dudley—have gone on the market with a combined value of around 42 million.

The Little Barrel, Dudley High Street, which is still trading, and the derelict Saracen's Head, Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, are among 22 premises put up for sale by Penn Street Taverns.

The Birmingham firm says market conditions remain tough and it wants to dispose of 10 of its "bottom end pubs" and concentrate on higher end operations.

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The Saracen's Head has been boarded up for more than 10 years

and has suffered repeated vandal attacks. It is on the market for £180,000.

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Figures show police were called to reports of anti-social behaviour at the pub 34 times during 2010 and fire crews are often called to arson attacks at the site.

Meanwhile, the Little Barrel is being sold for £225,000. The landlady said she was too upset to comment on the news, adding: "It is a real shock." Chairman of Dudley Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) Stan Stevens said he feared the pubs – which are being sold as vacant – would be turned into housing. Camra's pubs protections

officer for the Dudley area, Tony Hitchmough, added: "I am very worried for their future. Any change is always worrying for the pubs in question.

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"I would like to see them sold off to a landlord or brewer who is willing to invest a little time and money to return these two places to their former glory."

Other pubs are available at locations in Wednesbury, Walsall, Tipton, Oldbury, Birmingham and Stafford.

Penn Street Taverns operations director Gill Walker said the company needed to sell some of its 45 outlets to survive.

Extra cash allocated to repairs

An extra £250,000 has been set aside by Dudley Council to carry out repairs on flats in the area over the next year.

Bosses are set to spend around £3.7million repairing thousands of council owned properties during the financial year running until March 2012.

But after carrying out inspections at high rise blocks across the borough they have now agreed to earmark another £250,000 to ensure all work needed is carried out.

The council has 18 blocks of high, rise flats across the

The council has 18 blocks of high rise flats across the borough including several on Lower Derry Street in Brierley Hill as well as Brickiln Court, Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, Chaucer House in Severn Road, Cradley, Kennedy Court in Green Street, Stourbridge and Wells Court in St John's Steet in Netherton.

It was reported recently that the council is looking to

that the council is looking to set up a new company to provide the repairs and using maintenance in the

Mayor and bear back awards

It was three cheers for children and their families at a Black Country commu-nity centre celebrating with

The Mayor of Dudley Councillor Michael Evans was guest of honour at the was guest of honour at the event at Bromley Pensnett Childrens Centre. Around 50 children and their parents attended the funfilled day which had been organised by staff.

Certificates and prizes were given to the children aged up to five for some of the work and activities they have done over the last 12 months.

Adult courses are also run at the centre to help parents care for their children and also improve skills such as literacy.

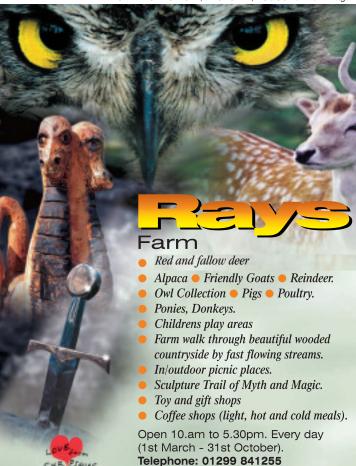
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Eight jobs

lost due to

cutbacks

workers taking up

The council has to make savings of £1.2 million in the present financial year leading to the cuts in staff.

retitled positions

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Passenger services manager David Mee said: "The schools' summer holiday period has always been an important time for us, and while nobody is using the word recession very much at the moment, there's no doubt that spending money is still very tight for families everywhere just now."

100pc record for school pupils

STOURBIDGE pupils have celebrated going the whole school year without taking a single day off.

Ten pupils at Amblecote Primary School recorded a 100 per cent attendance record for the past school year – far more than the average.

EIGHT jobs have been axed by Wyre Forest District Council since the start of the year, as the authority battles to make £4million savings over the next three battles to make £4million savings over the next three years.

Posts including the council's Streetscene manager, an assistant payroll officer and an assistant paryoll officer are among those that have already been shed.

Three of the redundancies came at the end of the 2010/11 financial year with the remaining five axed during the present year which started in April.

Another five full-time equivalent posts are expected to be lost. An additional 14 positions are in line for the axe during 2012/13.

But council chiefs said some of those positions were already vacant and simply would not be filled so other posts could be retained. And in other cases a partnership agreement with neighbouring authorities for shared working in some areas could mean workers taking up retitled positions. School teaching assistant Emily Dowler said: "The children are very keen to be in school as much as they can

"One even said when he was not feeling well he wanted to come in, as he felt better when he was with his friends.
"We are extremely proud

of their achievements," she

The young students were given a certificate and a book voucher to mark their achievement.

Workshops for pensioners

Age UK is holding work shops to show its range of activities available to pen-sioners in Dudley.

The Springboard gramme provides activities designed to improve mental and physical abilities.

Representatives from the organisation will be at Sedgley Library, Ladies Walk, on August 5 from 10am to 2pm



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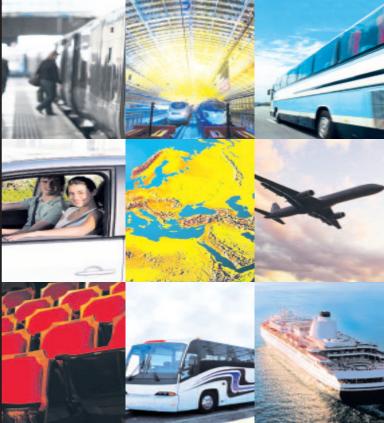
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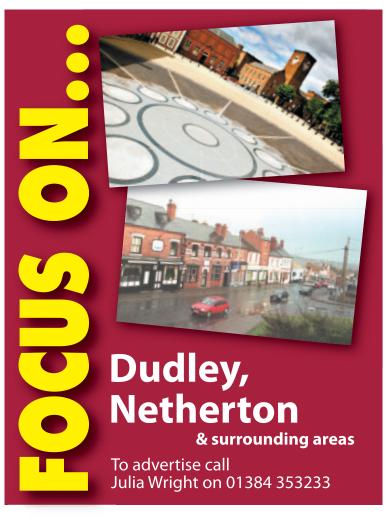
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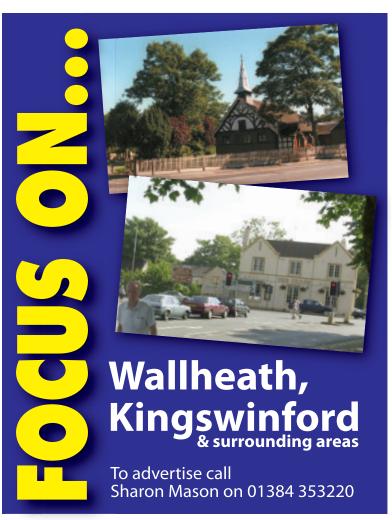


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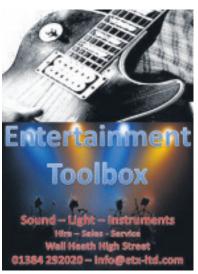
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The challenges which need clear responses

that need clear responses. The hacking scandal has been shocking in terms of the dreadful things that have happened, and profound in terms of its long-term

With a Judge-led inquiry now being established; a proper police investigation under way; the BSkyB merger now off the agenda and maximum transparency being delivered, this Government has dealt decisively with this issue.

Cruelly

The Government is also doing the right thing by the Equitable Life policyholders who were so cruelly let down. In Opposition the Conservatives promised to help those people, and it's a promise this Government has kept. Last month the first cheques were sent out – the start of a three-year programme of payments totalling £1.5 billion.

And third, this is a Government that is restoring

maximum transparency being delivered, this Government has dealt decisively with this issue.

Overall, I believe we can be proud of the progress this Government is making. In all the years in Opposition, I had a clear idea in my head of the ikind of new government I wanted to see – one that thought about the long term instead of tomorrow's headlines; one that did the right thing by decent, working people and one that restored Britain's standing in the world. By its actions of the past few months I believe this Government is making progress on all three fronts.

First, this Government is doing what's right for our country in the long term, however difficult that may be today, One of the big tests in recent months has been the Government's plans to modernise the NHS. The decision to pause those those reforms was the right one. It gave ministers the time and support of doctors and nurses, and ministers came back to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not element to the pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not element to the pack to the table with a package that has changed for the better, but not element to the pack to the table with a package that has changed in its fundamental drive to make the health service more dynamic, efficient and effective.

Ministers have applied the same long-term approach to pension reform.

We all know the pensions system as it stands is unsubstantiable, and to duck this challenge would have been a dereliction of the Government between the decisions ministers have made on rasising the health service more dynamic, efficient and effective.

The Government is also div

ent's duty. The decisions ministers

The decisions ministers have made on raising the pension age are tough, but right. However choppy the political waters may be as the Government pursues these plans, it is vital to stick to the course.

Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly

Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter



Britain's standing in the world. In little over a year, through one Spending Review and two Budgets, this country's reputation for economic competence has been restored. And just as this Government has shown responsibility in our domestic affairs, so the new Government is playing its part in global affairs. Along with our allies, the UK continues been restored.

At a time when the shadow of sovereign debt problems is falling across Europe, people can be more confident than ever in the action this Government is taking. Market interest rates in the UK – vital to encouraging the investment we need – are falling, in so many other countries they are rising.

Holding a Strategic to enforce the UN resolution in Libya. In Afghanistan, efforts continue to pursue a lasting political settlement.

Security

The transition of security responsibility to Afghan control for selected districts throughout the country is just about to start and, in line with progress in this area, the Government has made some plans for modest troop reductions by the end of 2012, with the ultimate aim to have no UK troops in combat roles by 2015.

The Government has also made good progress in

made good progress in meeting its promises to limit immigration and stop powers being passed from Britain to Brussels.

Britain to Brussels.

So while the day-to-day of politics can sometimes be tough, I hope you agree you can be proud you have a Government that does the right thing.

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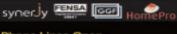






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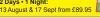
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Your Sim could even be a clone of a parent

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Key features include new activities for every age group, from kids hanging out in treehouses to raging teen parties and an extra daycare profession for the adults. Unfortunately there are new pitfalls for your Sims, such as a mid-life crisis that can see a dad Sim spiking up his hair and heading for a club in his punk gear.

New celebrations include graduation parties and even an official white wedding. Kids can be packed off to boarding

'Splosive fun kicks off Live's Summer of Arcade

LIVE'S SUMMER OF ARCAGE

Ms. 'Splosion Man (Microsoft)
Way back in the early days of the arcade, the early 1980s, the classic Pac-Man was eventually followed by Ms Pac-Man, which many connoisseurs consider an enhancement of the original. So it is with Ms 'Splosion Man, Twisted Pixel's sequel to their 2009 XBox Live Summer of Arcade hit. It keeps the core elements of the original game and is set just after the capture of 'Splosion Man, when the lab boffins accidently create his feminine counterpart whilst over-enthusiastically celebrating their success.
It is still a platform game with the yellow bow-wearing explosive hero 'sploding her way through levels including puzzles, traps and enemies. 'Sploding is a combination of jump and explosion which you use to move to your next objective and fight. The heroine has new tricks up her sleeve, such a cannons, jump pads and rail riding. And all of this is such a cannons, jump pads and rail riding. And all of this is delivered with Twisted Pixel's usual wit. If you liked 'Splosion Man, you'll want to download this too, as will most platformers with a sense of humour.

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Bastion (Warner Bros)

The second offering in Xbox Live's Summer of Arcade 2011 which began in July is this action-packed role player combined with fighting and platformer elements. You play 'The Kid' who wakes up to find the world destroyed and sets off to search for safety at 'the Bastion'.

The cool element is that his environment forms in front of him depending in which direction he runs and he can pick up useful items along the way including healing potions and a variety of weapons and shield to take on the adversaries that regularly pop up. These start with will-of-the-wisp type creatures but soon get bigger and more difficult to overcome. There is a likeable narrative from a wise old man who offers advice and commentary depending on what you get your character to do. Collecting points and gaining experience enables you to get to new levels.

I reckon developer Supergiant Games has created a hit likely to be a highlight of the summer season for subscribers.



The Green Lantern protecting his portion of the univers

Green Lantern: Rise of the Manhunters

(12, Warner Bros)
This is a good-looking and better than average game tie-in to a movie. You play the green DC Comics superhero, a guardian of the universe. Your guard duty starts after very little back story as the game explodes into action almost straight away with an attack by flying robots.

Green Lantern is very easy to master and a little repetitive. Experienced gamers should be able to polish it off in around

x nours. Transformers: Dark of the Moon (12, Activision)

Like Green Lantern, this is a surprisingly good game version of a movie rather than a cash-in. Hasbro's transformversion of a movie rather than a cash-in. Hasbro's transforming robots do lend themselves well to video gaming with their super-weaponry and ability to convert between robo-giant and speedy sports car in a flurny of metal and rubber. On each mission you get to be a different Transformer, Sarting with Bumblebee pitted against the Decepticons on a raid to wreck their communications system. The transforming is terrific and the game itself is a blend of shooter and driving. It may not keep casual gamers enthralled but will absolutely delight Transformer fans.

Both games were reviewed on Xbox 360 but are also available for other game systems.



Spills and pills land heroes in deadly peril

Unknown (12A)
IRISH actor Liam Neeson tends to be very good in the kind of older action-man roles that used to go to Harrison Ford and puts in another sound tough guy performance in this mystery-tieller set in Barlin thriller set in Berlin.

thriller set in Berlin.
It's like Roman Polanski's Frantic in which the wife of the hero (that man again Harrison Ford) disappeared in Paris but this time it's the hero's own identity that disappears. Neeson plays a respected biologist Dr Martin Harris who arrives with his beautiful wife (the ice cold January Jones) in the wintry German capital to attend an important conference being hosted by a mega-rich royal Arab benefactor. His wife enters their swanky hotel but the good doctor realises he's left his briefcase at the airport and hails a cab. On the way the taxi is involved in an accident crashes off a bridge into the river.

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With the help of an elderly former East German spy turned private eye (veteran German actor Bruno Ganz), they try to figure out the deadly mystery.

Unknown is no classic but it is a good thriller that will keep you guessing right up to the big twist and explosive finale.

Apparently humans only use around 20 per cent of their potential brain power. What if a pill could put all 100 per cent at your disposal and what would it do to you?

That's the theme for this high-concept thriller from director



Robert De Niro and Bradley Cooper in Limitless

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Neil Burger which is an exciting if not totally successful blend of Inception, Wall Street and American Psycho.

Bradley Cooper plays lazy would-be author Eddie Morra, who has been given an advance for his debut novel but is suffering a nasty case of writer's block. He is turning into a slob, so much so that his journalist girlfriend (Abbie Cornish) gives him the push.

On his uppers, Eddie is drifting between New York bars

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when he meets his ex-wife's brother, a smarmy drug pusher who says he can help him out with a pill that will do a lot for his focus and concentration.

It certainly does and director Burger, who also made The Illusionist, dazzles the eyes with a lot of visual tricks to demonstrate Eddie's enhanced abilities.

Before long he's an acclaimed author, able to learn any language in a couple of hours, a super smooth operator who even manages to win his girl back as he makes millions in the money market.

However, when it turns out he has the last stash of this new smart pill called NZT, it appears that some nasty villains are quite prepared to kill to get it.

Cooper makes an engaging leading man and is clearly an actor to watch out for in the future. Good support comes from Robert De Niro as a vaguely Rupert Murdoch-like business mogul. Cornish is excellent in her one big action scene as his conscience-like girlfriend but is given too little to do, as is the potentially excellent British actress Anna Friel who only appears to need 10 per cent of her brain power to play his NZT casualty ex-wife. Apparently overuse makes you dowdy and gives you a limp, and tends to kill you in the end.

The two villains, a merciless hitman and a bragging Russian gangster, unleash a lot of violence and some of it is so gory I was surprised it didn't earn the movie an 18 certificate.

It is very far-fetched, even if you buy the concept. I doubt that clear memories of a few Bruce Lee movies would really turn you into an invincible street fighter as our hero despatches a gang of muggers with martial arts moves.

In the end Limitless is rather limited by too many loose ends and a contrived ending when it could have been a highly effective sof-ifi parable about the price for always taking the easy option and a warning on the dangers of drugs.

Lake Mungo (15)

The shaky video and pseudo-documentary style of horror movie has become a cliche. The well-known original in the genre was The Blair Witch Project and in its wake came Cloverfield, Paranormal Activity, the terrifying Spanish horror classic Rec and more. So this latest mockumentary Lake Mungo, the story of a grieving family haunted after the apparently accidental drowning of a teenaged daughter, sounds like a late bandwagon-jumper.

However, this Australian movie is a very creepy and unsetting chiller, The dead girl's secrets are revealed as the spooky events lead to the dark and murky waters of Lake Mungo.

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Display of star shots just so rock and roll





Little Richard playing at West Bromwich Town Hall

Jagger relaxing in a chair ahead of a television interview in Birmingham to a brooding Little Richard staring intently into the camera – these amazing images have never been on display

before.

They are now part of an exhibition that celebrates the region's musical heritage.

Home of Metal is running across Birmingham and the Black Country in a series of exhibitions, events and gigs throughout the rest of 2011.

And these exclusive 1960s prints of major rock and roll star sken from the personal collection of former Black Sabbath manager on former Black Sabbath manager Jim Simpson are now on display at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery and Haden Hill House in Cradley Heath.

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Mr Simpson, aged 73, who
now runs Big Bear Records and
lives in Edgbaston took the photographs during the 1960s.
One of his most charismatic
subjects was singer Little
Richard, who Jim saw around 15
times, taking this picture when
the star performed at West
Bromwich Town Hall around
1965.

Jim said: "He was the prettiest man in rock and roll. He was a glutton for having his photo taken.

taken.
"I think I took about 30 or 40 shots of him on that occasion. He



Roy Orbison pictured during a concert in Birmingham

was very talkative and interested

in others.
"On stage he was a whirlwind and came to life, he was very hard to get off stage."
The Rolling Stones also feature extensively in his collection.
A shot of the band performing was taken when the group were in Birmingham in 1985 to film Thank Your Lucky Stars on ATV, which later became Central Television.



Jerry Lee Lewis on song at West Bromwich Town Hall

West Bromwich Town Hall
An unposed picture captures a
relaxed Mick Jagger.
"In those days television was a
very boring procedure, you
would have to sit around for a
couple of hours," he said.
"The Stones would always go
on last so they had a lot of down
time and that picture was taken in
part of that down time."
For more information on the
exhibition visit www.homeofmetal.com



It's all smiles from Freddie and the Dreamers wh



A youthful Rod Stewart performing during the 60s in Birmingham

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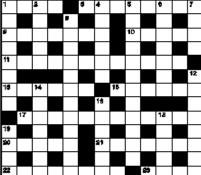
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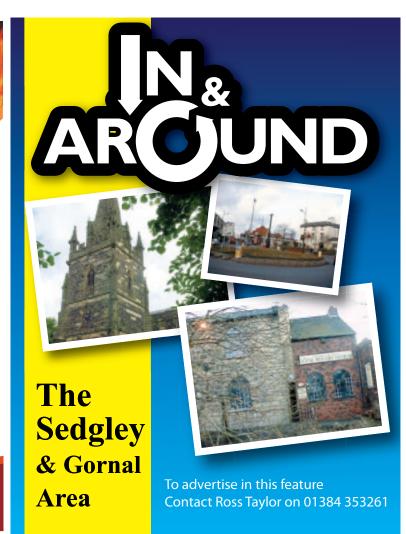


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Treat the decking to a full makeover

OUR garden deck's out there in the elements all year round, so get the

■ year round, so get the most out of it this summer by giving it some TLC.

Before you want o start work on it, stock up at your local DIY store on decking treatment, methylated spirits, fungicidal wash, a stiff broom, protective gloves and goggles, and a good quality wood-stain brush (unless you have these things already).

Some decking treatments come with their own applicator, so you don't need a brush.

Debris

When you decide start work, begin by brushing off the decking with the broom to get rid of any remaining dirt and debris.

Use the fungicidal wash to remove any algae and mould, then wash the decking with warm soapy water or a pressure washer. Then leave it to dry. Once it's dry, wipe over with a cloth dampened in methylated spirits, and it's advisable to wear the gloves and goggles when doing this and when using the fungicidal wash.



Pressure washers will help to remove mould

By late morning/early afternoon, you product), so you can apply a second should be ready to start applying the decking treatment.

Work in the direction of the grain along the length of each board to avoid from Sunday morning onwards overlap marks, and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

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No need to stall over improving the garage

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Prepare the garage door by rubbing it down with coarse sandpaper or a wire brush, ensuring you remove any unstable paint.

Use a sugar-soap solution to clean off the sanding dust and any grease and dirt, then wash the door down with clean water, and ensure it's completely dry before painting it.

When painting outside, try to make sure the temperature's between 8C and 25C, otherwise you may have problems getting a good finish (painting in the rain is obviously a no-no).

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And don't forget to cover the ground under the door, and the surrounding area, with dust-sheets, old curtains, or newspaper.

So, here's our step-by-step guide to the job.

Start by opening the door and painting the edges that can't be seen when it's shut. Once they're dry, close the door and paint the front, working your way down in sections until the whole



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Apply one thin coat to begin with, followed by a second (if necessary), being careful to stop the paint from running. Leave the first coat to dry for the time specified on the tin before doing the second.

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Summer solstice may have been and gone, but it's still not too late to take inspiration from the latest edible flower show gardens and grow your own. As Nigel Bishop, Horticultural Advisor to the Shrewsbury Flower Show suggests, choos-

Flower Show suggests, choosing the right variety is key.

A surprisingly wide range of vegetables are quick to grow and will thrive if planted at this time of year. With fast growing varieties you will soon be rewarded for the fruits of your labour – some go from seed to harvest within weeks.

Saled leaves

weeks.

Salad leaves

Salad leaves will grow in relatively small containers and are quick and easy to grow. Lettuce mixtures grow well until late summer and one seed packet will produce a bumper crop. They have a short harvest window of around a week, so don't plant too many at a time. Loose Leaf Lettuce is the fastest growing. Try 'Salad Bowl' or Green Ice', which are popular with kitchen gardeners.

Chinese Cabbage

kitchen gardeners.

Chinese Cabbage
Also called Chinese leaves, Chinese cabbage has crisp, pale leaves and a mild, sweet flavour when cooked.
They can be ready to harvest in one to

two months so are worth sowing at this time of year for a crop of cabbage leaves before the winter sets in.

Chinese cabbages can be cooked like cabbage, stir-fried or eaten raw in salads. Try the 'Early Jade Pagoda' variety, which is late maturing.

Radishes

One of the fastest and easiest crops to grow, radishes are ideal for novices. They can be ready to pick in as little as three weeks, although four to six weeks is more usual.

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Radishes are a very tolerant crop and grow well in containers, as long as there is sufficient water. Once fully grown they quickly become woody so it's best to sow small amounts on a weekly basis for a continuous supply. Try the 'French Breakfast' variety for a radish crop in just three weeks.

Carrots are one of the best vegetables to pick fresh from your garden. Fast maturing varieties can be ready in 50 days and you can sow them directly into the ground as late as August. For great texture and flavour try the Carrot Nantes.

This variety is shorter than a main crop carrot and cylindrical rather than tapered but tastes great.

Cress

If you are sowing seeds with chil-

Cress

If you are sowing seeds with children for the first time, then cress is a great place to start.

The seed is extremely quick and easy to germinate—once sown you will see the results within a week or two.



Growing fresh veg is satisfying

For the best results, simply sprinkle cress or mustard seeds on top of a piece of damp kitchen roll or cotton wool and then place the pot in a warm place, like a window sill. Cress is also great for older ones who are still kids at

for older ones who are still kids at heart!
For more 'grow your own' advice, displays of award winning vegetables and access to seed experts, visit this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show at The Quarry on 12 and 13 August.
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Terraced property is n a popular location

GENTS marketing a traditional terraced property in a popular part of west Wolverhampton are urging internal viewing to fully appreciate the quality of accommodation on offer.

quality of accommodation on offer. Number 41 Victoria Road in Bradmore is conveniently situated close to shops, other amenities and Bantock Park and has two bedrooms, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The house is being marketed by Rese Page estate agents for £114,000 with no upward chain.

chain.

Entry is via a wooden front door into the 12ft 1in x 11ft 2in front-facing dining room, which has a feature fireplace, dado rail, ceiling coving and a door leading to the 12ft 1in x 11ft 3in lounge. In here, there's an understains cupboard, ceiling coving, feature fireplace surround and dado rail.

In the kitchen there's a roome of well and

fireplace surround and dado rail.

In the kitchen, there's a range of wall and base units, rolled-edge worksurfaces, sink, drainer and mixer tap, gas and electric cooker points, extractor hood and plumbing for a washing machine. There's a door leading to the tiled downstairs bathroom, which has a panel bath, WC and pedestal wash basin.

A staircase leads from the lounge to the landing, where there are doors to two bedrooms.

rooms.

The front-facing bedroom measures 16ft 3in x 11ft 2in and has ceiling coving, a dado rail, feature fireplace and an exposed timber floor. The second bedroom measures 11ft 4in x 11ft 1in and faces the rear with ceiling coving, an overstairs cupboard, loft access and cupboard containing the central heating boiler. The house is set back from the road behind

a brick retaining wall, wrought iron gate, low maintenance garden and gated passageway to the side.

to the side.

To the rear is a spacious garden with lawn, patios, tap, shed, pergola, wall light, security light, shrubs and trees.

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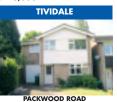
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Bower Lane
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dining room (with door out to garden), stylish
enlarged/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, together,
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This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Semibetached home has been considerably improved and enlarged by the current owner and viewing is
essential to appreciate the standard of
accommodation provided. The property briefy
comprises: Entrance Hall, well proportioned
Through Lounge/Dining Room, splendid extended
Dining Kitchen with a fine range of units. Three
good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, blocknaved driveway and a pleasant low maintenance

ed driveway and a pleasant low mainter garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 88088

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Salop Street

distinctive, extremely stylish and particularly spacious, ehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed withouse conveniently situated in established all appreciation. Superb accommodation includes on the ununal floor entrance vestibule, closulas cupboard, upgraded cloaks/shower room, laundry, third bedroom; to the first ir a landing, a spacious L-shape burge and a L-shape skill which with the range of chemyood finish units included the stable of the stable stable stable noting bedroom with built-in wardrobes and a stylish noting bedroom with built-in wardrobes and a stylish neighbou... total appreci and various integrated appliances; to the principal bedroom with built-in wardrol bathroom en suite, together with a secon-also with wardrobe and a shower room garage, ample parking, neat landscaped decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

Catherine Road, Hurst Hill
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviably
situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a
Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas
centrally heated semi detached
providing reception hall, kitchen,
living/dining room. Three bedrooms,
bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Bilston Street

Conveniently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities, a PARTICULARIY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED that has been significantly modernised & improved in recent years been significantly modernised & improved in recent years dining room with valk in bay, understairs store, transverse living room with 'living flame' feature gas fire, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, reappointed batthroom with white suite. Three generously proportioned bedrooms white suite. Three generously proportioned bedrooms graden with secure gated PARKING for two vehicles) at rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Ivyhouse Lane

Ivyhouse Lane
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL A freehold,
double glazed detached constructed circa
1962 that would benefit from modernisation &
improvement works set in popular district
with particular lengthy garden & good distant
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18'10' dining kitchen, pantry, utility room,
three bedrooms, bathroom, garage.
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Ellowes Road

An exceptionally well presented & particularly streehold, gas centrally heated & the VC double of the present of the variety of variet icle. 10'10" side driveway (potential fi parking), garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 0190

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Marmion Grove

Positioned in a cul de sac location is this three bedroomed, extended semi detached property which has gas centrally heated and double glazed family sized accommodation which comprises: hall, through lounge/dining room, turther reception room, extended kitchen, guest w.c., three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, driveway. Ideal family property. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £122,950

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Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill
VENDOR ADVISES NO UPWARD CHAIN. A
comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally
heated & uPVC double glazed traditional end terrace
of character that has been conscientiously
maintained & TREMENDOUS!/ MPROVED in recent
years conveniently situated backing onto allotments
dining room with OPEN TIREPLACE, store, lounge
with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen
with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby,
recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white
suite. 'THREE BEDROOWS, neat sheltered rear

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Paul Street, Hurst Hill

Paul Street, Hurst HIII

A comparatively SPACIOUS, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in convenient/well regarded district constructed circa. 2005 (covered by remainder of 10 year guarantee). Accommodation provides; traditional reception hall (8'1" ceilling height), 14'6" in length, lifted cloakroom, well equipped breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge. TWO DOUBLE BEDROWING bedroom one with shower room en suite/built in wardrobe, bathroom. Blocked paved parking to SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Brook Street

Brook Street

A comparatively SPACIOUS, modernised & improved, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village. Stylish well presented accommodation includes superb 20'44 lounge, large transverse dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'first quality' units & a verandah beyond. Two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, seduded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Ashenhurst Road

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Fox Street,

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TIPTON

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Cluster Style





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Semi Detached Property,
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Kitchen, Three Bedrooms,
Bathroom, Gas Central
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ENVILLE ROAD



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Rickerby House in Hampton Grove has four reception rooms, five bedrooms and two en suites

ome available for £645,0

CHARMING detached residence has come onto the market in the much sought-after and historic

village of Kinver.
Rickerby House in Hampton Grove has four reception rooms, five bedrooms, two en suites, gardens and a four car garage, and is on the market through Andrew Grant for offers in the region of £645,000.

The spacious reception hall measures

traditional lidence has market in the and historic lambda historic may be ampton Grove mis, five bed agardens and a on the market or offers in the hall measures and hall measures and hall measures and fridge and Belfast sink.

In the adjoining utility, there's plumbing for a washing machine while a further door leads to a gardener's WC, store and outside to the rear garden.

Upstairs, there's a loft room off the landing, which has a sink unit and power points while a door leads to the 17ft Sin x 15ft master bedroom, which has a balcony with decking, an en suite with WC, twin vanity wash basins and towel rail and a dressing room with a range of wardrobes. The guest bedroom has built-in wardrobes and an en suite with a panelled bath and pedestal wash basin while the third and

fifth bedrooms also have fitted wardrobes. There's a further bedroom and family bathroom, which has a panelled bath with a shower above, WC and pedestal wash

shower above, we am peuescal washasin.

Outside, the house is set back behind electric gates and a driveway providing off-road parking for several vehicles and leading to a four car garage with roller doors. To the rear, the lovely garden is a particularly feature, consisting of a patio area, lawn and mature borders.

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 ★ Garage and block paved driveway

GORNAL WOOD



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- A period character property, corner plot ★ Extensive grounds suitable for building plot (subject to relevant consent)
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- ★ Upgraded beakrast kitchen ★ Ce
 ★ Utility and downstairs wet room
 ★ Three bedrooms and upstairs bathroom
 ★ Garage and driveway parking
 ★ DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY



OLD PARK ROAD

- ★ An extremely well presented semi, enhanced and extended
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Breakfast kitchen
- - ★ Downstairs wc. ★ Workshop Three bedrooms and loft room
 - ★Three bedrooms and lo ★ Delighful rear garden ★ Enclosed swimming p

 - ★ Enclosed swimming pool
 ★ Viewing highly recommended



CINDER ROAD

- A most charming cottage full of
- potential "L"shaped lounge/dining room
- potential
 ★ 'L'shaped lounge/dining room
 ★ Kitchen ★ Rear lobby
 ★ Utility & Wc ★ Rear porch
 ★ Three excellent sized bedrooms
 ★ Recently upgraded modern
 bathroom
 ★ Private rear garden in sunny positior
 ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN



THE BROADWAY

- * A traditional bay front semi-detached, enhanced throughout * Extended to the rear , 24' lounge * Reception room two * Excellent sized dining kitchen * Three bedrooms, two with fitted furniture

- turniture

 ★ Garage with utility area.

 ★ Off road parking

 ★ Delightful rear gardens with sunny

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ASHFORD DRIVE

- In a unique quiet location close to Sedglev centre, a generous sized traditional style semi-detached
- Enhanced and updated throughout
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Modern breakfast kitchen
- ★ Neat rear gardens, sunny aspect
- ★ Driveway parking to the front
 ★ Viewing highly recommended

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GOUGH ROAD

- Impressive Edwadian end cottage full of
- Two spaciious reception rooms

 Kitchen ★ Utility /store

 Three double bedrooms ★ Large family bathroom
- ★ Conservatory opening onto delightful rear garden
- ★ Block paved foregarden
 ★ Large garage /workshop/office to the rear
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HAVACRE LANE

- A realistically priced linked detached
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- ★ Upvc double glazed
 ★ 21ft garage ★ block paved
- ★ Low maintenance rear garden

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ROSEMARY CRESCENT

- ★ Traditional style three bed semi
- ★ Two reception rooms Kitchen with verandah
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- ★ Garage and driveway ★ Large rear garden



HIGH VIEW

- ★ An ideal first time purchase
- ★ A modern style semi-detached
- ★ Lounge and dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms ★ Modern bathroom
- ★ Upvc dg★ Gas central heating ★ Driveway parking
- ★ No upward chain



PICKRELL ROAD

- Traditonal double fronted mid
- ★ Refurbished througut
- Lounge and dining kitchen ★ Downstairs cloakroom ★ Modern
- ★ Three excellent sized bedrooms
 ★ Upvc dg. ★ Gas central heating
 ★ 75ft rear gand. Upvc dg. ★ Gas central heating 75ft rear garden with feature decking,



MEADOW ROAD

- ★ Tradional style family home
- ★ Excellent sized lounge
 ★ 15' breakfast kitchen. ★ Store
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Modern bathroom, "P" shaped bath
 ★ Sunny rear garden with feature decking ★ Off road parking



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PROSPECT ROAD

A detached home of considerable style and elegance that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining area, a superb fitted kitchen, a downstairs w/c, a master suite that incorporates a bedroom, a sitting room, an en-suite shower room and a balcony, three further upstairs rooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden.

£324,950

THE HEDGEROWS



GOODRICH MEWS

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cleakroom, a spacious lounge with doors leading into the conservatory, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£162,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a quest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom ensuite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden.

£156,950

COSELEY



FI MDALE BOAD

A three-bedroomed semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an extended dining room/sitting room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£139,950



LARKSWOOD DRIVE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: A reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a sitting room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a carport, a garage and a lovely rear garden that backs onto a paddock.

£231,950

LOWER GORNAL



EATON CRESCENT

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, an L-shaped reception hall, a lounge with a feature fireplace and patio doors opening onto the rear garden, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, a garage and a large rear garden.

£162,950

WOODSETTON



BROOK STREET

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a room, a re-appointed kitchen, three bedrooms re-appointed bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden

£151,950

UPPER GORNAL



VALE STREET

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, three hedrooms a bathroom LIPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant

£131,950



BREAMORE CRESCENT

A three bedroom detached home th briefly comprises a reception hall, guest cloakroom, a through lounge, dining room, a superb fitted kitchen w nprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden

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£189,950



GOODRICH MEWS

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge with French doors opening onto the rear garden, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing gas fired central heating, a detached garage and a good sized rear garden.

£189,950



BROWNSWALL ROAD

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access into the nounge with open access into the conservatory, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£154,950

CAPITAL HILL



DONNINGTON COURT

A three bedroom town house that briefly comprises a lounge, a study, a guest cloakroom, a magnificent dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and allocated parking for two cars.

£149,950



A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, with a range of integrated appliances, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom ensuite, two further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£181,950



DUDLEY ROAD

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, uPVC double glazing (where stated), gasfired central heating and a beautiful rear garden.

£159,950

WOODSETTON



GRIFFITHS ROAD

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A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge with an archway leading through to a sitting room, a separate dining room, a study, a spacious breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, a 25ft garage and a delightful rear garden.

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TIPTON STREET

bedroom semi-detached home efly comprises a reception porch, A three peuroo... that briefly compris a reception hall, a lounge with a feature fireplace, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a garage that is situated at

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VALE STREET

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a separate dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, two bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazir bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a rear

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Rising costs at the pumps hit nation's top tourist attractions



TOURIST attractions are the latest victims of the rising cost of fuel, as increasing numbers of motorists decide not to take days out in their cars because of the increased cost of filling up their tanks.

In July it was reported that fuel sales were down by around a billion litres, showing the impact that the price of petrol and diesel is having on personal travelling habits.

abits.

The issue is compounded by the rises in inflation and the consumer prices index, compared with a real-term decrease in pay for many ordinary people.

people.

The bottom line is

68 per cent of users who responded to a poll on the Motorpoint website said that increased costs at the pump would stop them visiting the kind of tourist attractions that they would normally head to during the summer months, while 31 per cent vowed to

carry on regardless.
From January to March, fuel sales figures dropped by 15.2 per cent for petrol and six per cent for diesel relative to the same period in pre-reces-

sion 2008. It's likely that the number of company cars and commercial vehicles on the road has held diesel sales steadier than they might have been, but even with many aspects of the employment and ecowith many aspects of the employment and eco-nomic scenes having improved in the past 12 months, petrol sales were still 3.7 per cent down on last year's figures. Diesel sales, despite having dropped significantly since 2008, were 0.5 per cent higher this year than they were at the same time last year. David Shelton, the managing director of Motor-point, says the survey's conclusions are disappoint-ing.

ing.
"We think it's sad to see that some people won't be visiting some of the great attractions available in

It was reported in July that fuel sales were down by around a billion litres

the UK this year due to the rising costs of fuel preventing them from making the sometimes necessary longer journeys to get there," he said. People looking for a cheaper car to buy and run could look at the diesel Smart ForTwo, which returns more than 85mpg on the combined cycle, or for something bigger there's the surprisingly spacious Fiat Panda, which as a 1.3 diesel can average more than 67mpo.

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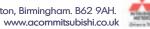
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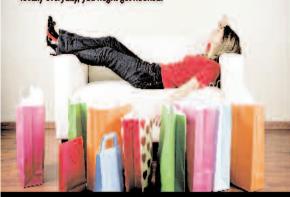
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Pedersen determined to come back Dudley claim first



m Ermolenko leads Jan O Pederse

HEATHENS hero Jan O Pedersen's come-back trail may be even harder than he thought.

THE FORMER WORLD CHAMPION, Whose career was halted by a back injury 19 years ago, is determined to make a return to competitive racing at the age of 48. former world champion, whose career was

or 48.

He took his first steps at the Golden Hammer of July 26 with a best of three match race series against Wolves legend Sam Ermolenko – and lost 3-0.

3-0.

These affairs are generally politely staged, with each rider winning a leg apiece before a genuine race in the decider.

But Pedersen, who is deadly earnest about finding his current level, urged his fellow former world kingpin not to rein himself in – and 'Sudden Sam' took him at his word with three sharp gates and never looked back.

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"I wanted to see what speed I've got to get up to,"
said Pedersen, who got a tumultuous welcome
from the predominantly Heathens crowd and
admitted before the racing that he was short of

practice.
"To see this crowd is absolutely amazing. Enjoyment is what I am all about – and this is really enjoying life," he said.
As to the future, Pedersen added: "I will see how far it goes and who comes up with a good contract!
"The only thing I wish to see is Cradley back with their own track."

silverware in Fours

Dudley claimed their first major silverware of the new era with victory in the National League Fours at Stoke.

Saturday's final went right to the wire and going into the last race it was possible for all four teams to finish level.

Ashley Morris was lying second to Belle Vue's Adam McKinna after the tapes rose, which would have been enough to see the Heathens edge the trophy ahead of Stoke.

But Mildenhall's young Australian Cameron Heeps fell and was disqualified, meaning a rerun.

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However, the ice-cool Morris made a perfect start second time round and was never headed as the jubilant Heathens fans celebrated.

Dudley had eased through their group comfortably but trailed in the final with just one point from the first two heats.

Team boss Will Pottinger admitted: "We had a bit of a slow start. But Adam McKinna just on the line in his first race and that kick-started us.

"Armo (Jon Armstrong) won the next one and Adam the one after that.

"It was very tense going into the last heat with all the pressure on Ash, but he did well," added Pottinger.
"I would say we were quite easily the best supported team there and it was good to reward them for all the travelling they do with a bit of silverware."
Dudley were due to parade the trophy at Tuesday night's Monmore Green match against Mildenhall.

Semi-final & Mildenhall 22, Dudley 16 (Richard Franklin 5, Jon Armstrong 4, Ashley Moris 4, Adam Roynon 3), Isle of Wight 11, Hackney 6, SF B. Belle Vue 15, Stoke 14, Buxton 10, Newport 3. Final: Dudley 15 (Roynon 6, Morris 4, Amstrong 3, Franklin 2), Belle Vue 12, Stoke 12. Mildenhall 9.

• Young Dudley signing Adam Portwood is

● Young Dudley signing Adam Portwood is heading the field in the British Youth Champi-onship after last weekend's second round in

onsing after last weekend's second round in Buxton.

The 16-year-old finished runner-up to Adam Kirby in the Dales and that, allied to his similar position in the first round at Newport when he was second behind Nathan Stoneman, was enough to take him top of the stand-

Stour continue with a tremendous run of form for a vital win

1ST XI STOURBRIDGE 265 (24PTS) PEDMORE 147 (5PTS)

Stourbridge continued their great run to stretch their lead to 70 points. Stourbridge started positively with a 90-run opening partnership on a good wicket before Bradley was LBW for 48.

Sanls played beautifully but one shot too many lead to him being caught in the deep. When Game was cleaned up with the next ball, Stourbridge needed to regroup and the middle order batted well with Bradley scoring 38, Alexander 30, Bingham 30, Musk 26 and Greg Jones 20 allowing Stourbridge to post a useful 265. Nitin Malhotra claimed 5-73 from his 17 overs.

Stourbridge's bowling Stourbridge's bowling

Academy place for golfer girl Grace

tra claimed 5-73 from his 17 overs.
Stourbridge's bowling lacked penetration until the in-form bowler Kalpesh Patel was introduced, claiming the scalp of McDonald with his first delivery. Kal went on to claim 4-30 in a great spell of swing bowling, getting bounce from the Pedmore wicket.

Musk took a wicket in an indifferent day with the ball where he took a while to settle into his spell, before Jones replaced him and created real fireworks in a five over spell of quick bowling which brought about figures of 4-48.

The final wicket offered some resistance when the ball was flying to the boundary, before a moment of madness and good fielding by Bingham and Kal, effected a good run-out to win the game for the Bridge.

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(4PTS) PEDMORE 207-2 (20PTS)
Stourbridge battled to 206
with batsmen Ian Biddle and
all-rounder James Winders
contributing 46 respectively.
Helpful contributions
through the order meant
Pedmore required just more
than four runs an over. Trusswell then went about dismantling the attack and after being dropped, scored an unbeaten 82.

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Winders bowled Jarrett
and Duffield for 74 and 38,
but there was no hope for
Stourbridge as Pedmore completed the chase with four

overs to spare. 3RD XI STOURBRIDGE 81 (4PTS)

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OLD HILL 147 (24PTS)
The standard of the standard series when the youngsters of Stourbridge who looked to be on top at the break with the hosts posting 146 in 37 overs.
With plenty of time left in the game, there was little resistance, with only Jeavons and Avey making contributions as Stourbridge were bitterly disappointed and bowled out for 81 in 25 overs.
4TH XI STOURBRIDGE 194-8

4TH XI STOURBRIDGE 194-8 (24PTS) OLD HILL 124 (3PTS)

(24PTS) OLD HILL 124 (3PTS). Stourbridge battled throughout their innings as they posted a great total of 194-8 on a Greenfields wicket. Keith Litster blitzed 40 to help the cause. Old Hill didn't make any real impression on the game as Heron Patel claimed career best figures of 5-32 with disciplined bowling.

Pupils' Olympian challenge



New games for young pupils at Thorns Primary School in Thorns Road, Quarry Bank, get ready to try blind sports and wheelchair basketball at their summer sports day

get ready to trý blind sports and wheelcha Wheelchair basketball, sit-down volley-ball and blind races were among new games for youngsters at one Black Country school sports day.

Paralympic coaches Lee Lough and Mark Bennett from Kingswinford-based Effec-tive Play Ltd were invited to Thorns Primary School in Thorns Road, Quarry Bank, Dudley to join their annual summer sports day. Children from reception up to Year six were given the chance to try the adapted games and experience what it would be like to play sports with a disabil-

air basketball at their summer sports day ity. "The kids all had a fantastic time, we've had a good response from everyone," said school sports coordinator Ryan Lamb. "We just thought it would be something different, give them the chance to experience a different perspective.
"Of course we had all the usual games as well.We will definitely consider doing it again next year." Headteacher David Priestley added: "With the Olympics coming up, and with Old Park Special School joining us, we wanted to give the children something new."

Tyson helps to

pave the way

ictory and then declared: "I feel like I belong here." the The American is a talented all-rounder yet still in the ery early days of his speedway education. And while the points have been hard to come by, his etermination and visible improvement has impressed the

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On Monday night he notched paid 10 including a crucial 5-1 with Tai Woffinden which paved the way to victory.

"It was a very hard-fought battle," he said. "There was not one easy race out there for me. It was intense.

"With Freddie out all the boys had to be thinking: This is going to be a tough one to win'.

"But we all pulled together, got the ball rolling and started feeding off each other. The morale was good in the pits and we ended up winning by four, which was great.

"I know I have talent to be up front on any bike," added Burmeister. "I've grown up riding bikes all my life.

"But speedway bikes are foreign things still to me. I'm getting the seat time right now and getting my confidence up and I'm feeling like I belong here."

Meanwhile, Wolves skipper Peter Karlsson has admitted he felt uncomfortable about continuing to race as Freddie Lindgren was on his way to hospital.

The two Swedes are friends and have been long-standing team-mates both in the UK and their homeland.

"I didn't feel too comfortable with it," admitted Karlsson, who nevertheless produced a match-winning performance in which he dropped just one point in five rides. "Jiust hope Freddie can come back soon. He's had a massive concussion so sensibly he shouldn't be on a bike for a while. He hit the post pretty hard with his footrest and that stopped him in his tracks. He went from 60mph to zero in a second."

Glassboys give Yeltz first loss

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Halesowen's suffered their first pre-season defeat as two second-half goals clinched victory for Stourbridge.
Yeltz galkeeper Paul Evans was called into early action as he denied Sam Rock and then blocked Ryan Rowe.
Stourbridge, who are preparing to start a new season at a higher level than Halesowen for the first time in over 20 years, responded when Lee Chilton tested Stourbridge goalkeeper Lewis Solly in the 15th minute.
Solly then kept out Chilton's bobbling effort from 20 yards before Nathan Jackson then drove just wide of the Stourbridge upright in an even first half.
Before the break, Evans stretched to grab a free-kick from Sean Geddes and then did well to beat the ball away after Rowe evaded several challenges to skip through the heart of the home defence.
After the interval Stourbridge skipper Ben Billingham set up substitute Josh Craddock to screw a shot just wide and a further Billingham effort dipped over the bar.
Substitute David Plinton broke the deadlock on 69 minutes when he touched the ball home following a cross-shot from Craddock.
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Away victory takes winning run up to five

Old Halesonians Hockey Club
STOURPORT 1 OLD HALESONIANS 4
Old Halesonians Hockey Summer
League team continued their
winning streak to five games, with a
41 victory at Stourport HC. Old
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A rising young golfer has won a prestigious place at an academy run by top sportsman Lee Westwood. But Grace Doody, aged 16, from Sedgley, needs help funding the £18,000 costs for two years at the Essexbased school – so is appealing to businesses for help. The talented teenager, who has a handicap of 15, wants firms to sponsor her and add to the £9,000 already donated by High Arcal School in Sedgley, where she is a

Looking to raise funding of £18,000 – Grace Doody, aged 16, of the High Arcal School, High Arcal Drive, Sedgley

pupil.

The cash came from a Gifted and Talented Young People's grant. Grace, of Lower Gornal, has been playing since she was 12 and has won tournaments including the Enville, Bridgnorth and South Staffordshire Junior Opens, and has been selected to represent Staffordshire at county level. She hopes to attend the Lee Westwood Golf Academy, run by the 38-year-old professional golfer, in September.

Anyone who wants to help Grace should contact Enville Golf Club on 01384 872074.

Sport

DUDLEY WIN FIRST SILVERWARE

PUPILS GET A TASTE FOR THE OLYMPICS

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HILL HOLD ON FOR THE DRAW

OLD HILL CRICKET CLUB Saturday July 30

BROMSGROVE (16 POINTS) 219 DREW WITH OLD
HILL (8 POINTS) 163-8.

The 1st XI won the toss away at Bromsgrove and elected to
field. They got off to a good start with some impressive bowling
from Ed Oers before a stubborn fifth wicket partnership of 99
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and they were parted with 12 overs remaining.
However, some indifferent bowling from the visitors helped
the Bromsgrove tail to post a score of 219 all out off 51.3 overs,
a total that looked way beyond the hosts at the outset. A
Hussain howled well for the visitors with a return of 17-6, 28bowler, Friend, was removed from the action by the umpire
after just 3 balls and O'Connor injured in his fifth over, leaving
Bromsgrove with no alternative but to turn to spin.

This turned out to be good for the hosts as the scoring rate
total on 63 and Nitesh Path was rout on the second ball without
scoring.

Mike Hingley went on to score (44) and Dan Wood (24) but

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Mike Hingley went on to score (44) and Dan Wood (24) but with the wicket taking more and more spin, the visitors batsmen found runs hard to come by and they ended up 56 runs short of their target as the additional overs ran out. Old Hill could only manage a losing draw finishing on 163-8 wickets. DOI'useira took 6-35 for the hosts.

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rsply, the inexperienced Old Hill side could only manage
out in 33 overs with Heron Patel (5-32) being the hosts
owler while Izzy Khan top scored for the visitors on 46
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Sunday 31 July 2011

PEDMORE (0 POINTS) 283-8 LOST TO 0.00 HILL (10

PDMTS) 323-7 PF 98 RUNS.

The Sunday 31 took fort knock in their game away at elemore and soon had 100 runs on the board as openers Nigel Davenport (70) and centurion Joe Thorn (107) put together a tand 611 10 for the first wicket. The momentum was then continued by the rest of the visitors batsmen - Jared Daniels (38), at all the posted a massive 323 - 7 wickets from their 40 wers. Pedmore made a spirried reply with Wasseem (87), Rius 57 and Copper (36) being the main contributors to a total of 88 - 8 wickets off 30 of 10 high the main contributors to a total of 88 - 8 wickets off 30 of 10 high was the best visitors owder with 3 - 27 at 0.04 Hill won by 69 runs.

Forthcoming Fixtures
Saturday 6 August First XI at home to Walmley, noon start.
2nd XI away at Walmley, 12. 30pm. start.
3rd XI away at Ross-on-Wye, 1. 30pm. start.
4th XI at home to Ross-on-Wye, 1. 30pm. start.

nday August 7 inday XI away at Springvale, 2.00pm

Derek Griffiths by the support.

Cricket tribute to sailor Paul



Playing in memory of sailor Paul McCann is Halesowen captain Wes Griffiths, left, with captain of the Royal Navy team Matt Thompson and Brian McCann, Paul's father

captain of the Royal Navy team Matt Thomps
Friends and family of a Black Country sailor
killed in an explosion while serving in the Navy
gathered to remember him at a cricket match.
More than 300 spectators enjoyed the sunshine
at the fourth annual Paul McCann Memorial
between Halesowen Cricket Club and a team from
the Royal Navy.
The match at the club in Grange Road was organised by friends and family of the 32-year-old from
Halesowen who was killed following an explosion
aboard submarine HMS Tireless in 2007.
Mr McCann, a former Earls High School pupil
and club member, grew up playing for the club's
youth teams.
Current captain Wes Griffiths said: "It's great so
many people came out and had a good time. Paul
was a great bloke and he loved cricket. It's reall
yimportant, people keep turning out to show their
solidarity."

solidarity."

The home side were clear winners in the 40-over contest, reaching 294 for five, while the Navy team ended on 211 for seven. The cash raised is still being counted. It will go towards the Fund for Needy Children, a charity set up in Paul's memory.

Paul's father, Brian, said he was "overwhelmed"



Paul McCann, who died in 2007

League leaders Stourbridge stay in pole position

IT was another routine Saturday for Division One 1st XIs leaders Stourbridge as they completed a 118 runs win at Pedmore and are now 70 points clear, heading for a record points total and winning margin. Nomads lost second place after failing

to complete the dismissal of Worcester's

to complete the dismissal of Worcester's tail and so Pershore and Astwood Bank, winners respectively over Droitwich and Oldswinford have moved ahead of them, writes Chris Marsh.

Astwood Bank's Steve Adshead once again proved his worth with 136 and then Tom Harris took six Oldswinford scalps. Dave White made 85 not out and Liam Ridings 76 for Pershore after Jake Young hit 191 for visitors Droitwich.

At the other end of the table, Bromyard beat Bewdley by eight wickets thanks to Dinusha Fernando's valuable 113no and Redditch beat Romsley by a similar margin to move further clear of the two relegation places.

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In Division Two, leaders Hagley were held by Burghill and Coombs Wood drew level on points by defeating bottom side Kidderminster. Colwall stay third, 13 points behind after they drew with Wormelow. Monmouth and Netherton also shared the spoils. Dominies beat Belbroughton and Feckenham defeated Malvern.

Division Three leaders Rushwick won at Harvington and once again stretched their lead over Alvechurch, who were held this time by Stourport, who they head by 33 points. Stourport's grip on a potential third promotion place could now be challenged by Chaddesley, who beat Cookley or Enville.

In Division Four, Tenbury remain top despite being held to a draw by Martley's last pair as the same fate befell second placed Social, who could not remove the Himley tailenders.

Brintons stay third after Lee Waldron's 6-55 eased them to a six-run win over Amble-cote. Barnards Green are fourth after they overcame Avoncroft. Fifth are Alveley, who, despite some recent recruits suffered at the hands of Canon Frome's Mike Morgan, who took 9-57 to earn his side their first victory of

Division Five leading sides Bromsgrove, Old Hill, Ross-on-Wye and Cleobury Mor-timer all won against the four bottom sides and the two in the middle, Barnt Green and

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Leaders in Division one Pedmore got back to winning ways at Stourbridge and a Nomads win over Hagley means they still hold a 21 points advantage with seven games left. Stourbridge are 3rd but now lie 32 points further back.

Division two leaders Rushwick could only draw and so Oldswinford leapfrogged them back to the summit. Division three has new leaders after Enville lost to Lye and Cookley, who won at home to Burghill are three points ahead of them. Bromyard beat Kidderminster to stay in contention at third and Lye are up to fourth, just 18 points from the top.

Division four leaders Tenbury saw off Martley by teatime and lead Barnards Green by 35 points and these two meet next week. In Division five, Halesowen lost to Bromsgrove and their lead is now cut to 12 points with four games left over Ross on Wye who go 2nd after a victory over, previously second, Old Elizabethans. Bromsgrove go third and now 25 points separate first and fourth.

ONE TEAM SECTION

In Division Six, West Malvern beat
Nomads and overtook Hallow by reason of
Hallow's enforced idleness for the Vine
fixture. Leaders Cutnall Green have a 30
point cushion at the top but they too sit out a
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Division Seven saw defeats for the top pair so Harborne 5ths and Highley are still just two points apart. Coombs Wood's Alex Chapple had special reason to savour his sides victory as he made the day's highest score of 140.

Division Eight leaders Stourport drew and are now 30 points in front of Rushwick with Kempsey taking over thi rd spot by beating Oldswinford,

In Division Nine Hagley were held by Malvern and after Harborne's narrow win against Evesham, Hagley lead the division by just five points.

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Division Ten, Hallow won again with ton from veteran Brian Williams and with Stourport slipping up away to Astwood Bank the lead Hallow have over Stourport is 32 with three games left. Nomads are a further 20 points back.

Glassboys make first visit to neighbours for a testimonial

This Thursday (August 4), the Glassboys will pay their first visit to the Stourbridge Road home of their West Midlands League Premier Division neighbours Lye Town since 1987 for Adam Bastable's testimonial match, kick-off 7.30pm.

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The popular midfielder began his career with Lye Town before embarking on many years of tremendous service at Stourbridge. All the proceeds from the match will go to the Breast Cancer charity fund – a charity that is

● Stourbridge FC supporters have two windows of opportunity to buy season tickets and memberships from the Glassboys Bar in the coming week ahead of their opening home game against Chippenham Town on August 13 which will be played at Halesowen Town. They are Sunday August 7, between 10 am and noon and Thusday August 11, between 7pm and 9pm.

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